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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM CHARLESTON COUNTY
Court of General Sessions

Roger M. Young, Sr., Circuit Court

Judge

Case No. 2023GS1003220-3222

State of South Carolina, Respondent,

v.

Michael Whitlock, Appellant.

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE
INITIAL BRIEF AND DESIGNATION OF
MATERIALS FOR RECORD ON APPEAL

NOW COMES Appellant, by and through his undersigned counsel, moving for a seven-day extension of time to file the Appellant's initial brief in the above-captioned case. In support of this motion, the Appellant shows as follows:

1. The Appellant's initial brief and designation of material on appeal was due yesterday but was incorrectly calendared as being due today. The court has previously granted three 30-day extensions.
2. The appeal is from a conviction for murder, and there was a multi-day trial, resulting in a large volume of documents and a transcript totaling approximately 1000 pages. Counsel has identified numerous potential issues in the transcript and is in the process of fully researching those issues so that they may be briefed in full.
4. In addition to this case, counsel has had numerous other deadlines this week in various state and federal courts, including a deadline to file an initial brief in another murder case which also involves an attempted murder and mass shooting, and that case also has a transcript that is roughly 1,000 pages long as well, as well as voluminous trial documents and exhibits.
5. For these reasons, the undersigned respectfully requests an extension of time in order

to meet with the Appellant and properly evaluate the large volume of material, including recently obtained materials, for appellate arguments that may be briefed.

6. The undersigned counsel is almost finished with the brief and only requests a seven day extension to finalize, proofread, and edit.

WHEREFORE, the Appellant respectfully requests that this Court enter an order extending the deadline for filing the Appellant's initial brief and designation of material for record by seven days, up to and including the 13th day of January, 2026.

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