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Honorable Michael Nettles, Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No. 2025-002395

The State,

Respondent,

v.

Auquan A. J. Grier,

Appellant.

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO CORRECT DEFICIENCIES

COMES NOW Appellant Auquan A. J. Grier, through their undersigned counsel, and pursuant to Rule 240 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules, who respectfully move this Honorable Court to grant an initial extension of time for counsel to correct the deficiencies in the Notice of Appeal. Alongside this motion, counsel submits a letter detailing the circumstances for this request.

WHEREFORE, Appellant respectfully requests this Honorable Court grant this Motion for Extension of Time.

Respectfully submitted,

*s/ Alexander Hall*

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I certify that I have served the Motion for Extension of Time to Correct Deficiencies, along with the letter of explanation in support, on The State by depositing a copy of it in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, on January 2025, addressed to its attorney of record, Ms. Kawohi Schaumburg Morris, Esquire, at 300-B California Ave, Moncks Corner, South Carolina, 29461; and to Mr. Mark Farthing, Esquire, and Mr. Alan Wilson, Esquire, at P.O. Box 11549, Columbia, South Carolina, 29211-1549, and on Appellant Auquan A. J. Grier at 4344 Broad River Road, Columbia, SC 29210.

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The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings  
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Re: The State v. Auquan A. J. Grier  
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Dear Ms. Kitchings:

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On Wednesday, December 31, 2025, counsel spoke with Appellant via telephone regarding the appeal filed on or about December 1, 2025. During that conversation, it was discovered that Appellant did not file the appeal, but rather, the appeal was filed by a friend or family member of Appellant. This appeal was not filed under Appellant's direction. Appellant at that time wished for counsel to withdraw the pending appeal at that time.

Following that discussion, counsel was informed that Appellant wished to further discuss the pending appeal. On January 5, 2026, counsel was able to speak with Appellant again. At that time, Appellant was conflicted about whether to pursue the pending appeal. Appellant expressed that he does not wish to expose himself to a new trial nor the potential for a longer sentence, and as such did not want to be successful in the appeal. However, Appellant also wished to give the appearance of pursuing the appeal so as to not upset his family. Ultimately, Appellant directed counsel during this phone call to withdraw the appeal.

However, given the uneasiness and concerns Appellant expressed, counsel does not feel confident in the direction Appellant gave to counsel. As such, counsel respectfully requests an extension of time to correct the deficiencies in the filed Notice of Appeal. This extension would be to allow counsel to secure a signed statement from Appellant to give counsel clear direction and confidence we are meeting our obligations to our client.

Sincerely,

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