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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Horry County

Benjamin H. Culbertson, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

JERELLE HICKSON,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2025-000749

MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO
SERVE AND FILE THE INITIAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT
AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER

Counsel for Jerelle Hickson respectfully requests a thirty (30) day extension from January 16, 2026 until February 17, 2026 in which to serve and file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in this case. This motion is made pursuant to the Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009. This is a third request for an extension. In support of this request, counsel shows:

1. The Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in this case are due to be served and filed today.
2. Counsel is presently drafting the Brief of Respondent in the murder case of The

State v. Tirik Johnson-Epps before the Supreme Court. Counsel is presently drafting the Brief of Respondent in the case of The State v. Samir Shank before the Supreme Court. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v Carlton Devonte Brown with this Court on January 7, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Rehearing in the case of The State v. Celia Windham with this Court on January 7, 2026. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Brittany Nicole Rutland with this Court on January 6, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Rehearing in the case of The State v. James Orian Gregory with this Court on December 11, 2025. Counsel filed the Brief of Appellant and the Record on Appeal in the case of The State v. Roderick Shundale Dover with this Court on December 8, 2025. Counsel filed the Brief of Appellant and the Record on Appeal in the case of The State v. Jessie Salcedo Bueno with this Court on November 26, 2025. Counsel filed the Petition for Rehearing in the case of The State v. Rodney David Riggins with this Court on November 20, 2025. Counsel filed the Reply to Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Court of Appeals in the case of The State v. Terry S. Tyler with the Supreme Court on November 18, 2025. Counsel appeared for Oral Argument in the case of Maurice Anthony Odom v. The State before this Court on November 6, 2025.


3. This request is made in good faith, and not for purposes of delay. Counsel intends to continue to work on the cases with more than three extensions first so that the caseload will hopefully become more manageable in the near future, and less extensions will need to be requested.

4. On January 2, 2026, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy

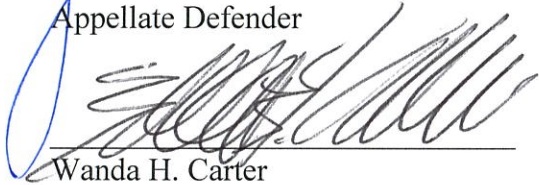
Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through February 1, 2026.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty-day extension from January 16, 2026 until February 17, 2026. Counsel respectfully requests that the time limits for filing the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



Jessica M. Saxon
Appellate Defender



Wanda H. Carter
Chief Appellate Defender

This 16th day of January, 2026.

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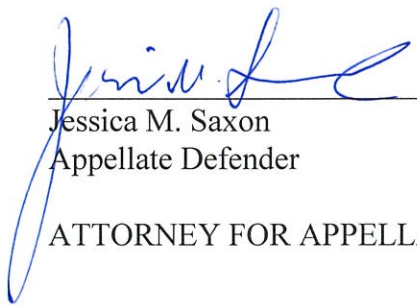
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to Rule 262(a)(3) and Rule 262(c)(3), SCACR, the undersigned hereby certifies a true copy of the Motion for Extension in the above-referenced case has been served upon Mark Farthing, Esquire, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), this 16th day of January, 2026.



Jessica M. Saxon
Appellate Defender

ATTORNEY FOR APPELLANT

Warren, Kaylynn

From: Warren, Kaylynn
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Good Morning,

Attached for service in the above-referenced case is the Third Motion for Extension which will be filed today, January 16, 2026, with the Court of Appeals via email filing.

Respectfully,

Kaylynn

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