

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

On Petition for Writ of Certiorari to Spartanburg County
Honorable Frank R. Addy, Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No. 2023-001372

LAWTON HOLLOWAY,

Petitioner,

vs.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

Respondent.

**MOTION FOR FOURTH EXTENSION OF TIME WITHIN WHICH
TO SERVE AND FILE RETURN TO PETITION
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Respondent (“the State”), through its undersigned counsel, would respectfully show unto the Court as follows:

I.

The Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in this post-conviction relief appeal is due to be served and filed January 16, 2026.

II.

Pursuant to RE: Extension Requests in Criminal Direct Appeals and Post-Conviction Relief Certiorari Proceedings: Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009, the State moves for a **fourth** extension in the above-referenced post-conviction relief appeal and asks for an additional thirty days to complete the Return in this case. In the last few

weeks, the undersigned counsel filed an Initial Reply Brief of Appellant in State v. Ri'Shon Gilliam (2024-001400), a Final Brief of Respondent in State v. Craig Edwards (2024-000821), and a Petition for Rehearing in State v. Terrence Frazier (2023-001439).

III.

The undersigned counsel submits this extension request is supported by extraordinary circumstances and is not intended for purposes of delay. The undersigned counsel is currently working on the Return in this case and intends to have it finished in a timely manner. However, the undersigned counsel has not yet been able to finish the Return due to a heavy workload. Accordingly, to ensure the Return is properly researched and prepared, I would therefore request an additional extension of time within which to serve and file the Return.

WHEREFORE, Respondent prays that the Court extend the deadline for the service and filing of the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in this case for thirty days from the date such relief is granted; hold the matter in abeyance pending a ruling on Respondent's motion; and grant such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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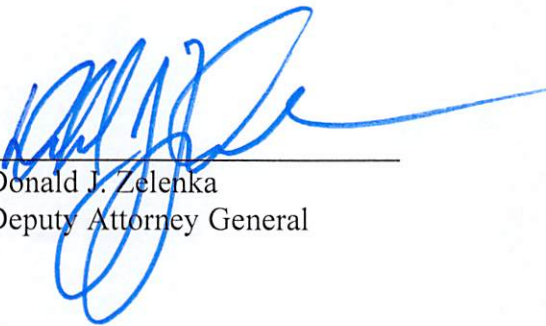
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I have reviewed and approved this extension request.

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January 16, 2026

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PROOF OF SERVICE

I, Susan Spencer, certify I have served the within Motion for Fourth Extension of Time Within Which to Serve and File Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari on Petitioner by sending an electronic copy via email to Wanda H. Carter, Esquire to the address listed for counsel in AIS.

I further certify all parties required by Rule to be served have been served.
This 16th day of January, 2026.



SUSAN SPENCER

Legal Assistant

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