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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Certiorari to Greenville County

Honorable Grace Gilchrist Knie, Circuit Court Judge

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MARQUAL DEVINE GRIFFIN,

PETITIONER

v.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2024-000091

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MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME  
TO FILE THE BRIEF OF PETITIONER

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Counsel for Marqual Devine Griffin respectfully requests an extension of thirty (30) days from January 20, 2026 until February 19, 2026 in which to serve and file the Brief of Petitioner in this case. This motion is made pursuant to the Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009. This is a second request for an extension. In support of this request, counsel shows:

1. The Brief of Petitioner is due to be served and filed with the Court today.
2. Counsel for Marqual Devine Griffin respectfully submits that extraordinary circumstances exist which warrant the granting of an additional extension of time. Given the number of extensions previously granted and the order in which counsel attempts to manage her

caseload, counsel hopes that no further extension requests will be required.

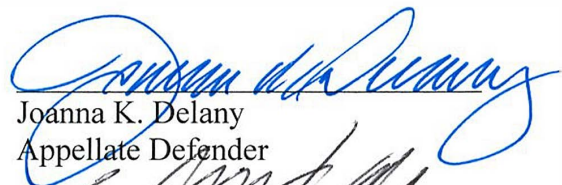
3. Counsel filed the Petition for Rehearing in the case of The State v. Terrence O. Frazier with this Court on January 7, 2026. Counsel filed the *Anders* Brief of Appellant and Record on Appeal in the case of The State v. Jacob R. Mims with this Court on January 6, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Rehearing in the case of The State v. Manly M. Thompson with this Court on December 18, 2025. Counsel filed the Johnson Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in the case of Amy Wright v. State with the Supreme Court on December 15, 2025. Counsel appeared for Oral Argument in the case of The State v. Travontae Mitchell before this Court on December 9, 2025. Counsel filed the Return to the Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Court of Appeals in the case of Ronnie C. Swofford v. State with the Supreme Court on November 26, 2025. Counsel appeared for Oral Argument in the case of The State v. Terry Gridine before the Supreme Court on November 18, 2025. Counsel appeared for Oral Argument in the case of The State v. Genari McNeil before this Court on November 12, 2025.

4. Counsel makes this request in good faith and not for purpose of delay.

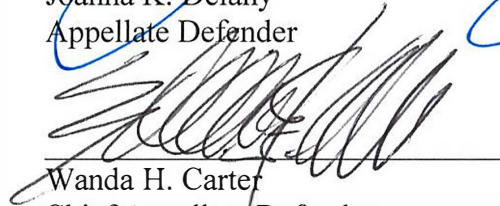
5. On January 2, 2026, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through February 1, 2026.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty (30) day extension from January 20, 2026 until February 19, 2026 in which to serve and file the Brief of Petitioner in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances. Counsel requests that time limits for serving and filing the Brief of Petitioner be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



Joanna K. Delany  
Appellate Defender



Wanda H. Carter  
Chief Appellate Defender

This 20th day of January, 2026.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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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 Melody J. Brown, Esquire, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), this 20th day of January, 2026.

  
Joanna K. Delany  
Appellate Defender  
ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER

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Good Afternoon Ms. Brown,

Attached for service in the above-referenced case is the second motion for an extension of time to serve and file the brief of petitioner. This motion will be filed with the Court of Appeals today, January 20, 2026, via email filing.

Thank you,

Sara McInnis  
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