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**S.C. SUPREME COURT**

January 21, 2026

The Honorable Patricia A. Howard  
Clerk, South Carolina Supreme Court  
Post Office Box 11330  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Re: The State v. Tirik Jaquan Johnson-Epps  
Appellate Case No. 2025-001215


Dear Ms. Howard:

The Brief of Respondent in the above-referenced case is due to be served and filed today, January 21, 2026. Because of my present workload, I respectfully request a final five (5) day extension of this deadline, until January 28, 2026. Three prior five-day extensions have been granted to Respondent by this Court.

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.

Thanking you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



Jessica M. Saxon  
Appellate Defender

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cc: W. Joseph Maye, Esquire