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**S.C. SUPREME COURT**

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

Re: The State v. Mathew Quinn Gillespie  
Appellate Case No. 2025-000562

Dear Ms. Howard:

The initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the above-referenced case are due to be served and filed today. Because of my present workload, I respectfully request a thirty (30) day extension of this deadline. One prior extension has been requested in this case.

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.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



Gary H. Johnson  
Appellate Defender

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cc: Mark Farthing, Esquire