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S.C. SUPREME COURT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE SUPREME COURT

Certiorari to Richland County

Donald B. Hocker, Circuit Court Judge

COURTNEY S. THOMPSON,

PETITIONER

V.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2025-001994

MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO
SERVE AND FILE THE PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI
AND APPENDIX

Counsel for Courtney Shante Thompson respectfully requests a **final thirty (30) day extension, until March 9, 2026**, in which to serve and file the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix 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 Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix are due to be served and filed with the Court today. The Court has granted counsel two previous extensions.
2. Counsel with co-counsel W. Chandler Norville filed a Motion to Certify Case for Review by the South Carolina Supreme Court in the case of The State v. Ri'Shon Keltarian Gilliam on January 15, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari, the Brief of

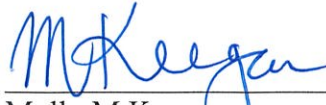
Petitioner Pursuant to White v. State, and the Appendix in the case of Ezra Rysunn Williams v. The State with the Supreme Court on December 31, 2025. Counsel filed the Initial Reply Brief of Appellant in the case of The State v. Sammy Rowdy Parker with the Court of Appeals on December 18, 2025. Counsel filed the Brief of Petitioner in the case of Daniel Lee Fludd v. The State with the Court of Appeals on December 16, 2025. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and the Appendix in the case of Jerald Jermaine Howard v. The State with the Supreme Court on December 12, 2025. Counsel with co-counsel W. Chandler Norville filed the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Ri'Shon Keltarian Gilliam with the Court of Appeals on November 26, 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 her caseload will hopefully become more manageable in the near future, and less extensions will need to be requested.

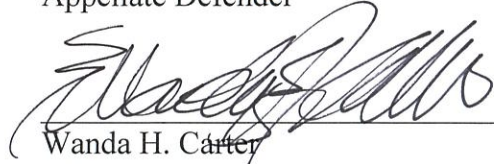
4. On February 3, 2026, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through February 28, 2026.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **final thirty (30) day extension, until March 9, 2026**, in which to serve and file the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances. Counsel requests that time limits for serving and filing the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



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This 6th day of February, 2026.