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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Charleston County

Roger M. Young, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

CURTIS SMITH,

APPELLANT.

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2025-000711

MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO
SERVE AND FILE THE INITIAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT
AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER

Counsel for appellant respectfully requests a thirty (30) day extension, in which to serve and file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter 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 Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in this case are due to be served and filed today.
2. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Charles Murphy with the Court of Appeals on February 5, 2026. Counsel filed the Anders brief of appellant and record on appeal in the case of State v. Deshawn Tollerson with the Court of



Appeals on February 5, 2026. Counsel filed the Johnson petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix and in the case of Telly McClam v. State with the Supreme Court on January 28, 2026. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Jerod Goodwin with the Court of Appeals on January 6, 2026. Counsel filed the Anders brief of appellant and record on appeal in the case of State v. Frank Lawson with the Court of Appeals on December 30, 2025. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Jermaine Culver with the Court of Appeals on December 17, 2025. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of State v. John M. Ghent, Jr., with the Supreme Court on November 14, 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 March 1, 2026.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty (30) day extension. Counsel respectfully requests that the time limits for serving and filing the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



Wanda H. Carter
Chief Appellate Defender

This 5th day of February, 2025.

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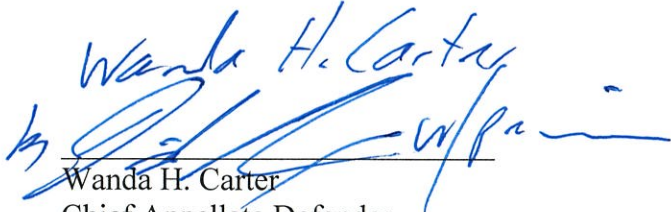
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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 5th day of February, 2026.


Wanda H. Carter
Chief Appellate Defender

ATTORNEY FOR APPELLANT

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Dear Ms. Brown,

Attached please find a third extension in the above referenced case that is being filed today with the Court of Appeals.

-Scott Leverett
Admin. Asst. for Wanda Carter
Appellate Defense

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