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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from Laurens County  
Honorable Eugene C. Griffith, Jr., Circuit Court Judge  
Appellate Case No. 2025-001933

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THE STATE,

Appellant,

vs.

LEON LEE HARRIS, JR.,

Respondent.

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**MOTION FOR THIRD EXTENSION OF TIME WITHIN WHICH  
TO SERVE AND FILE INITIAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT  
AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER**

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Appellant (“the State”), through its undersigned counsel, would respectfully show unto the Court as follows:

**I.**

The Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter are due to be served and filed on February 13, 2026.

**II.**

Pursuant to RE: Extension Requests in Criminal Direct Appeals and Post-Conviction Relief Certiorari Proceedings: Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009, the State moves for a **third** extension in the above-referenced criminal appeal and asks for an additional thirty days to complete the brief in this case. In the past few weeks, the undersigned counsel has submitted a Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Supreme

Court in State v. Corey Tyler Busch and State v. Ronzell Bilah Olds; has submitted an Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter to the Court of Appeals in State v. Levy Ernest Dunn, III and State v. Jason Connell Palmer; has submitted a Return to Petition for Rehearing to the Court of Appeals in State v. Jakavis Green; has submitted a Letter in Lieu of a Formal Return to a Petition for Writ of Mandamus to the Supreme Court in Larry A. White v. State; has submitted a Final Brief of Respondent to the Court of Appeals in State v. George Smith and State v. Cory Howerton Fleming; and has submitted a Return to Motion for Appeal Bond to the Court of Appeals in State v. Carles Brandon Scruggs. Along with that, the undersigned counsel has attended to other responsibilities—including supervisory and administrative ones—in the office.

### III.

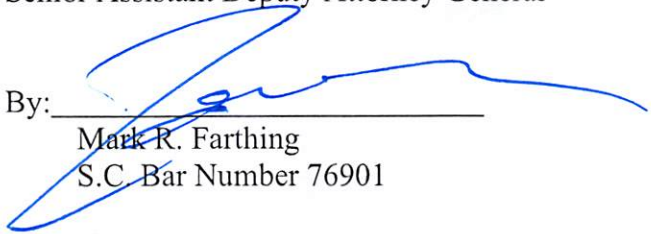
The undersigned counsel submits this extension request is supported by good cause and is not intended for purposes of delay. The Brief in the above-referenced case involves a challenge to a ruling suppressing evidence obtained as a result of a purportedly-unconstitutional search. The undersigned counsel is currently working on the Brief in this case and intends to have it finished in a timely manner. However, the undersigned counsel has not yet been able to finish the Brief due to a heavy workload and other issues that have required the undersigned counsel's attention. Accordingly, to ensure the Brief is properly researched and prepared, I would therefore request an additional extension of time within which to serve and file the Brief.

**WHEREFORE**, Appellant prays that the Court extend the deadline for the service and filing of the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in this case for thirty days from the date such relief is granted; hold the matter in abeyance pending a ruling on Appellant's motion; and grant such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

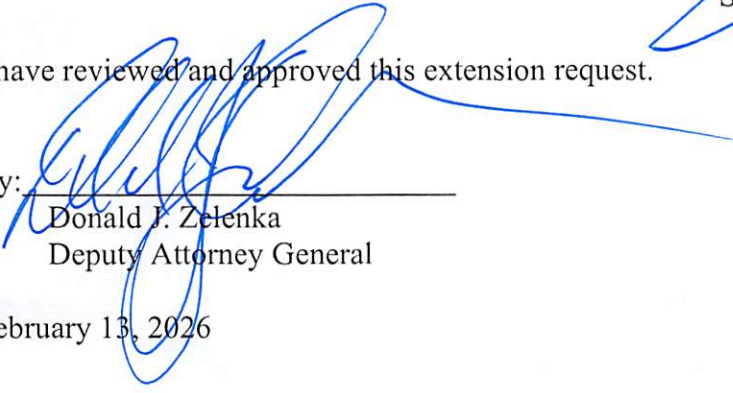
Respectfully submitted,

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I have reviewed and approved this extension request.

By:   
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Donald J. Zelenka  
Deputy Attorney General

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**PROOF OF SERVICE**

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I, Caroline Collins, certify I have served the within Motion for the Third Extension of Time Within Which to Serve and File Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter on Appellant by sending an electronic copy via email to the address listed in AIS for the following individual:

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I further certify all parties required by Rule to be served have been served.  
This 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026.



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