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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Certiorari to Greenville County

Honorable Grace Gilchrist Knie, Circuit Court Judge

MARQUAL DEVINE GRIFFIN,

PETITIONER

V.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2024-000091

MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME
TO FILE THE BRIEF OF PETITIONER

Counsel for Marqual Devine Griffin respectfully requests an extension of thirty (30) days from February 19, 2026 until March 23, 2026 in which to serve and file the Brief of Petitioner 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 Brief of Petitioner is due to be served and filed with the Court today.
2. Counsel for Marqual Devine Griffin respectfully submits that extraordinary circumstances exist which warrant the granting of an additional extension of time. Given the number of extensions previously granted and the order in which counsel attempts to manage her

caseload, counsel hopes that no further extension requests will be required.

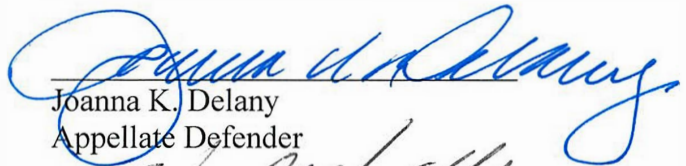
3. Counsel filed the Return to the Petition for Rehearing in the case of The State v. Eric A. Graham with the Court of Appeals on February 9, 2026. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Mercury L. Williamson with the Court of Appeals on February 6, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Court of Appeals and accompanying appendix in the case of The State v. Marcus D. Batson with the Supreme Court on February 3, 2026. Counsel filed the Brief of Respondent in the case of The State v. Quinterris J. Carmichael with the Supreme Court on January 28, 2026. Counsel filed the Johnson Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in the case of George R. Dreher v. State with the Supreme Court on January 21, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Rehearing in the case of The State v. Terrence O. Frazier with the Court of Appeals on January 7, 2026. Counsel filed the *Anders* Brief of Appellant and Record on Appeal in the case of The State v. Jacob R. Mims with the Court of Appeals on January 6, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Rehearing in the case of The State v. Manly M. Thompson with the Court of Appeals on December 18, 2025. Counsel filed the Johnson Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in the case of Amy Wright v. State with the Supreme Court on December 15, 2025.

4. Counsel makes this request in good faith and not for purpose of delay.

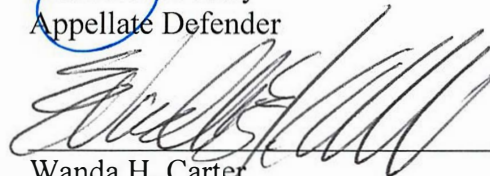
5. On February 3, 2026, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through March 1, 2026.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request an extension of thirty (30) days from February 19, 2026 until March 23, 2026 in which to serve and file the Brief of Petitioner in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances. Counsel requests that time limits for filing the Brief of Petitioner be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



Joanna K. Delany
Appellate Defender



Wanda H. Carter
Chief Appellate Defender

This 19th day of February, 2026.

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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 19th day of February, 2026.



Joanna K. Delany
Appellate Defender

ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER

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Good Afternoon Ms. Brown,

Attached for service in the above-referenced case is the third motion for an extension of time to serve and file the Brief of Petitioner, which will be filed with the Court of Appeals today, February 19, 2026, via email filing.

Thank you,

Sara McInnis
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