

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE SUPREME COURT

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Certiorari to Berkeley County

Honorable Patrick Cleburne Fant, III, Circuit Court Judge

JERMAINE HARTWELL,

PETITIONER

V.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2025-000867

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

Counsel for Jermaine Hartwell respectfully requests an extension of thirty (30) days from February 24, 2026 until March 25, 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 second 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.

2. Counsel for Jermaine Hartwell 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 Initial Brief of Appellant in the case of The State v. David White with the Court of Appeals on February 11, 2026. 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.

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

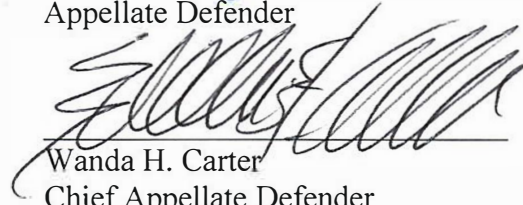
5. On February 3, 2026, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through February 28, 2026.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty (30) day extension from February 24, 2026 until March 25, 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 24th day of February, 2026.