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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from Charleston County  
Roger M. Young, Circuit Court Judge

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THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

CURTIS SMITH,

APPELLANT.

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2025-000711

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

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Counsel for appellant respectfully requests a **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension from March 2, 2026, until April 1, 2026**, in which to serve and file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the above-referenced case. This motion is made pursuant to the Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009. This is a fourth 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 with the Court today.
2. Counsel for appellant respectfully submits that extraordinary circumstances exist which warrant the granting of an additional extension of time. Given the number of extensions

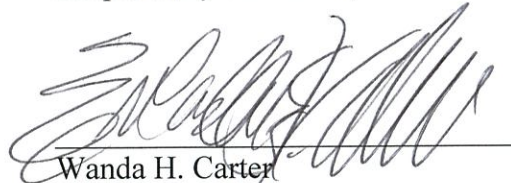
previously granted and the order in which counsel attempts to manage her caseload, counsel hopes that no further extension requests will be required.

3. Counsel filed the Johnson petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix and in the case of Javon Hair v. State with the Supreme Court on February 19, 2026. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Anthony Overman with the Court of Appeals on February 13, 2026. Counsel filed the Johnson petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix and in the case of Timothy W. Wheeler v. State with the Supreme Court on February 11, 2026. 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.

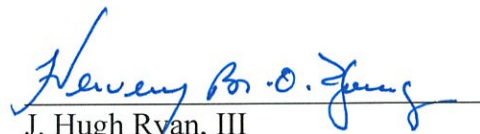
4. On February 26, 2026, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through April 1, 2026.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension from March 2, 2026, until April 1, 2026**, in which to serve and file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,



Wanda H. Carter  
Chief Appellate Defender



J. Hugh Ryan, III  
Executive Director/  
Hervey B. O. Young  
Deputy Director and General Counsel/  
W. Lawrence Brown  
Deputy General Counsel and Training Director

This 2nd day of March, 2026.

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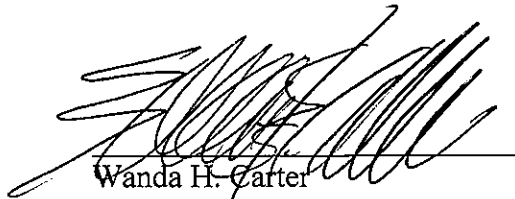
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE  
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Pursuant to Rule 262(a)(3) and Rule 262(c)(3), SCACR, the undersigned hereby certifies a true copy of the Motion for Extension in the above-referenced case has been served upon Melody J. Brown, Esquire, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), this 2nd day of March, 2026.



Wanda H. Carter  
Chief Appellate Defender

ATTORNEY FOR APPELLANT

**Leverett, Scott**

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Dear Mr. Farthing,

Attached please find a fourth 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