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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Anderson County

Honorable R. Scott Sprouse, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

GEORGE ERNEST MORGAN,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2025-000834

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

Counsel for George Morgan respectfully requests a thirty (30) day extension from March 6, 2026 until April 6, 2026 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 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

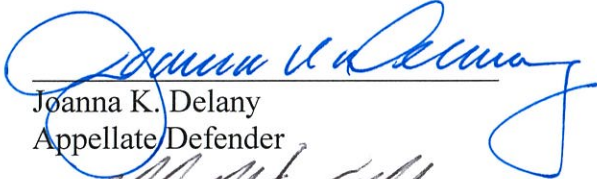
Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Mercury L. Williamson with the Court of Appeals on February 6, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Court of Appeals and accompanying appendix in the case of The State v. Marcus D. Batson with the Supreme Court 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.

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 the caseload will hopefully become more manageable in the near future, and less extensions will need to be requested.

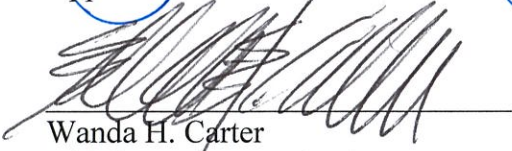
4. On February 26, 2026, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through April 1, 2026.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty-day extension from March 6, 2026 until April 6, 2026. Counsel respectfully requests that the time limits for filing the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



Joanna K. Delany
Appellate Defender



Wanda H. Carter
Chief Appellate Defender

This 6th day of March, 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 Mark R. Farthing, Esquire, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), this 6th day of March, 2026.



Joanna K. Delany
Appellate Defender

ATTORNEY FOR APPELLANT

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Good Morning Mr. Farthing,

Attached for service in the above-referenced case is the third motion for an extension of time to serve and file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter. This motion will be filed with the Court of Appeals today, March 6, 2026, via email filing.

Thank you,

Sara McInnis
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