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**SC Court of Appeals**

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from York County  
Honorable William A. McKinnon, Circuit Court Judge  
Appellate Case No. 2025-001071

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THE STATE,

Respondent,

vs.

ANTHONY N. DRAYTON,

Appellant.

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**MOTION TO FILE EXTENSION REQUEST OUT OF TIME  
AND MOTION FOR FIRST EXTENSION OF TIME  
WITHIN WHICH TO SERVE AND FILE  
INITIAL BRIEF OF RESPONDENT AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER**

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Respondent, through its undersigned counsel, would respectfully show unto this Court as follows:

I.

The Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter were due to be served and filed March 9, 2026. Due to a failure to calendar the due date, the undersigned asks this Court to accept the motion out of time.

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 Respondent moves for a first extension in the above referenced appeal. Due to work required in other cases pending before this Court and the South Carolina Supreme Court, I am unable to complete this brief on time.


III.

This extension request is not intended for purposes of delay, but rather to ensure the Brief is properly researched and prepared. I would therefore request a first extension of time within which to serve and file the Initial Brief of Respondent.

WHEREFORE, Respondent prays that the Court hold this matter in abeyance until ruling on this motion and extend the deadline for the service and filing of the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter in this case for thirty (30) days from the date such relief is granted; and for such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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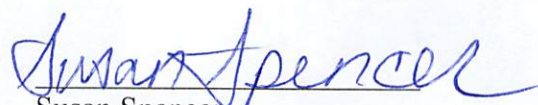
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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I, Susan Spencer, certify that I have served the Motion To File Extension Request Out of Time And Motion For First Extension Of Time Within Which To Serve And File Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter on Joanna Delany, Esquire, counsel for the Appellant, by electronic mail to the address listed for counsel in AIS.

I further certify that all parties required by Rule to be served have been served.  
This 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026.

  
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