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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE SUPREME COURT

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Certiorari to Laurens County

Honorable B. Alex Hyman, Circuit Court Judge

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CHRISTOPHER JERMAINE WELLS,

RESPONDENT

V.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

PETITIONER

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2025-001566

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MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION TO SERVE  
AND FILE THE RETURN TO PETITION  
FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI

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Counsel for Christopher Jermaine Wells respectfully requests a **final thirty (30) day extension, from March 23, 2026 until April 22, 2026**, in which to serve and file the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari 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 Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari is due to be served and filed with the Court today.
2. Counsel for Christopher Jermaine Wells 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 Reply Brief of Appellant in the case of The State v. Willis Terrel Ivey with the Court of Appeals on March 19, 2026. Counsel filed the *Anders* Brief of Appellant and Record on Appeal in the case of The State v. Jonathan Noe with the Court of Appeals on March 18, 2026. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. David Lamar Thompson with the Court of Appeals on March 6, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and the Appendix in the case of Courtney Shante Thompson v. The State with the Supreme Court on March 5, 2026. Counsel appeared for Oral Argument in the case of The State v. Jamira U. Davis before the Court of Appeals on March 3, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and the Appendix in the case of Rodney R. Green v. The State with the Supreme Court on February 27, 2026. Counsel filed the *Anders* Brief of Appellant and the Record on Appeal in the case of The State v. James Edward Boley, II with the Supreme Court on February 25, 2026. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant in the case of The State v. David Demias 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.

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

5. 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 March 31, 2026.

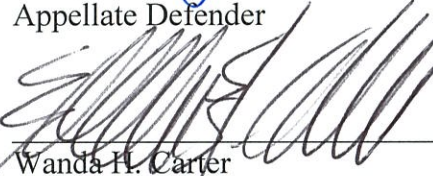
WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **final thirty (30) day extension from March 23, 2026 until April 22, 2026**, in which to serve and file the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances. Counsel requests that time limits for filing the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



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Molly M Keegan  
Appellate Defender



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Chief Appellate Defender

This 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2026.