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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from Lexington County

Honorable William P. Keesley, Circuit Court Judge

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THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

DAVID MATTHEWS,

APPELLANT.

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2025-000541

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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 thirty (30) day extension, 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 will file the Anders brief of appellant and record on appeal in the case of State v. Michael Stogner, today, March 19, 2026, with the Court of Appeals. Counsel will file the Anders brief of appellant and record on appeal in the case of State v. Christopher Simpson, today,

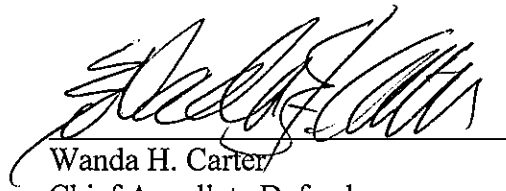
March 16, 2026, with the Court of Appeals. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of State v. Clinton Beebe in the Court of Appeals on March 10, 2026. Counsel filed the Johnson petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix and in the case of Sean Stroman v. State with the Supreme Court on March 9, 2026. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Brandon White with the Court of Appeals on March 6, 2026. 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.

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 her 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 (30) day extension. Counsel respectfully requests that the time limits for serving and filing the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



Wanda H. Carter  
Chief Appellate Defender

This 30th day of March, 2026.

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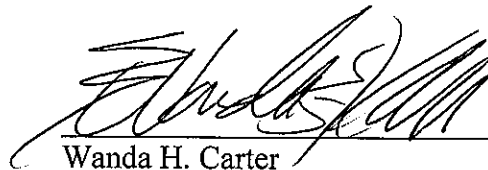
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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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 Mark R. Farthing, Esquire, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), this 30th day of March, 2026.



Wanda H. Carter  
Chief Appellate Defender

ATTORNEY FOR APPELLANT

**Leverett, Scott**

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**SC Court of Appeals**

Dear Mr. Farthing,

Attached please find a third 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