

RECEIVED

Mar 30 2026

SC Court of Appeals

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Orangeburg County

Honorable Heath P. Taylor, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

TYLER GIVENS,

APPELLANT.

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2024-001995

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

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 filed the Reply to Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the case of Kwamaine Ross v. The State with the Supreme Court on March 23, 2026. Counsel filed the Reply to Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the case of The State v. Timothy J.

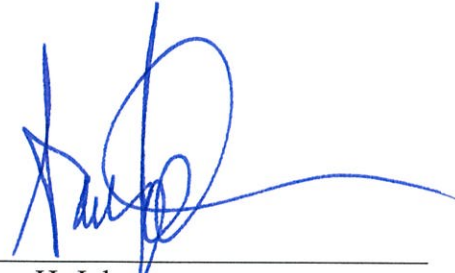
Thompson with the Supreme Court on March 23, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in the case of Cecelia E. Knox v. The State with the Supreme Court on March 17, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Court of Appeals in the case of The State v. Justin Hopkins with the Supreme Court on March 2, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Court of Appeals in the case of The State v. Bryan Cooper with the Supreme Court on March 2, 2026. Counsel filed the Initial Reply Brief of Appellant in the case of The State v. Shellie Lavette Davis with the Court of Appeals on February 27, 2025. Counsel filed the Johnson Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in the case of Johnathan Barnes v. The State with the Supreme Court on February 26, 2026. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant in the case of In the Interest of Dawone W., A juvenile under the age of seventeen, with the Court of Appeals on February 23, 2026. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant in the case of The State v. Matthew Gillespie with the Supreme Court on February 19, 2026. Counsel filed the Brief of Petitioner in the case of Chavias J. Jenkins v. The State with the Court of Appeals on February 6, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in the case of Trenton Barnes v. The State with the Supreme Court 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.

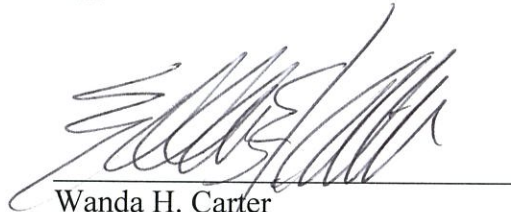
4. On February 26, 2026, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through April 1, 2026.

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,



Gary H. Johnson
Appellate Defender



Wanda H. Carter
Chief Appellate Defender

This 30th day of March, 2026.

RECEIVED

Mar 30 2026

SC Court of Appeals

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Orangeburg County

Honorable Heath P. Taylor, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

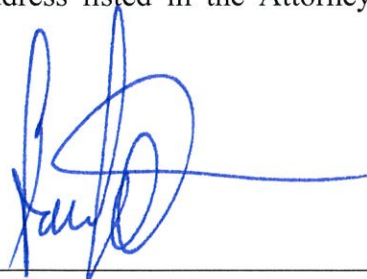
TYLER GIVENS,

APPELLANT.

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2024-001995

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



Gary H. Johnson
Appellate Defender

ATTORNEY FOR APPELLANT

Leverett, Scott

From: Leverett, Scott
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2026 2:55 PM
To: Melody Brown
Cc: 'abennett@scag.gov'; Johnson, Gary
Subject: 2024-001995 - State v. Tyler Givens - Extension 3
Attachments: 2024-001995 - State v. Tyler Givens - Extension 3.pdf

RECEIVED
Mar 30 2026
SC Court of Appeals

Dear Mr. Brown,

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 Gary Johnson
Appellate Defense