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**VIA EMAIL**

The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings  
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**Re:** *State v. Aaron Messiah Hodari Harper*  
Appellate Case No.: 2025-002337

Dear Ms. Kitchings :

The initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the above-referenced case are due to be served and filed today. Because of my present workload, I respectfully request a thirty (30) day extension of this deadline. No prior extensions have been requested in this case.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (864) 467-8375, should you have questions.  
Thank you for your time and consideration

Respectfully Submitted,

GREENVILLE COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER

s/ Michael G. Martinez

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Good afternoon Melody,

I hope this email finds you well. Please find attached for service the First Request for Extension for Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter for Aaron Harper's appeal, which will be filed today with the Court of Appeals.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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