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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Court of Appeals

Appeal from Lexington County
The Honorable Debra R. McCaslin, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

Respondent,

v.

BRANDON LEE CORDER,

Appellant.

Appellate Case No. 2023-001543

**MOTION FOR THIRD EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE
INITIAL BRIEF OF RESPONDENT AND
DESIGNATION OF MATTER**

The undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty (30) day extension in which to serve and file the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter in the above-referenced case. Opposing counsel has graciously consented to all extension requests through May 1, 2026. In support of this motion, counsel would respectfully show the Court the following:

Respondent's Initial Brief and Designation of Matter is due today, Wednesday, April 1, 2026, as per this Court's Order granting Respondent's second extension request. The undersigned attorney for the Respondent has had a number of state and federal matters to attend to since March 2026 when the Court granted Respondent's second extension. Specifically:

1. Counsel filed the Motion for Summary Judgment and the Return and Memorandum of Law in Support of Motion for Summary Judgment on March 6, 2026, in the matter of Joey Dean Coleman v. Warden of McCormick Correctional Institution, C/A No.: 9:25-cv-12894-DCN-MHC, a matter pending in the District Court;

2. Counsel filed the Motion for Summary Judgement and Return and Memorandum of Law in Support of Motion for Summary Judgment on March 13, 2026, in the matter of Vance Ross vs. Warden, Broad River Correctional Institution, C/A No.: 0:25-12833-DCN-PJG, a matter pending in the District Court.
3. Counsel prepared and presented oral argument in the South Carolina Supreme Court, which took place at Presbyterian College in Greenville, South Carolina March 31, 2026, in the matters of The State v. Quinterris J. Carmichael, Appellate Case no. 2025-001214 and The State v. Tirik J. Johnson-Epps, Appellate Case No. 2025-001215;
4. Counsel prepared and filed the Respondent's Motion to Hold Time Limits in Abeyance on March 18, 2026, in the matter of Lindy Jones, Jr. vs. Warden Terri Wallace, C/A No: 5:25-cv-13279-SAL-KDW, a matter pending in the District Court;
5. Counsel filed the Motion for Summary Judgement and Return and Memorandum of Law in Support of Motion for Summary Judgment today April 1, 2026, in the matter of Sincere Owens vs. Warden Shane Jackson, C/A No.: 9:25-cv -13548-JD-MHC, a matter pending in the District Court.
6. Counsel is working on the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari due April 6, 2026 in the matter of Suzanna Brown Simpson v. State of South Carolina, Appellate Case No. 2025-001244, a matter pending in the South Carolina Supreme Court;
7. Counsel is working on other state and federal matters, and this request is not made for the purpose of delay but due to the foregoing.

Due to counsel's involvement in these and other matters pending in court, counsel has been unable to timely complete the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter.

WHEREFORE, counsel respectfully requests a thirty (30) day extension of time to serve and file the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Deputy Attorney General

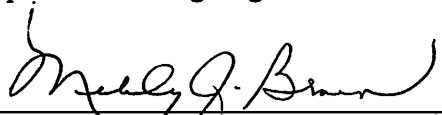
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I support the finding of good cause.

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PROOF OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that pursuant to Rule 262(c)(3), SCACR and the Supreme Court order April 24, 2024, the Third Extension of Time to file the Initial Brief and Designation of Matter have been forwarded to Appellant's counsel, Wesley Chandler Norville, Esquire, via email today, April 1, 2025 to CNorville@sccid.sc.gov and to his assistant, Kaylynn Warren at KWarren@sccid.sc.gov.

I further certify that all parties required by Rule to be served have been served.

This is the 1st day of April 2026.

s/W. Joseph Maye
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Dear Mr. Norville,

Please find attached the Respondent's Third Motion for Extension for which to file the Initial Brief & Designation of Matter. Also attached is the Proof of Service. These documents will be filed with the South Carolina Court of Appeals today, April 1, 2026 along with a copy of this email.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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