

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Georgetown County
B. Alex Hyman, Circuit Court Judge

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THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

JOHN ALLEN BRYANT, JR.,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2025-001464

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

Counsel for John Allen Bryant, Jr. respectfully requests a **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension from April 20, 2026, until May 20, 2026**, in which to serve and file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the above-referenced case. This is a fourth 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 for John Allen Bryant, Jr. respectfully submits that extraordinary circumstances exist which warrant the granting of an additional extension of time.
3. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari, Johnson Petition for Writ of

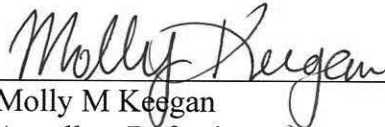
Certiorari pursuant to Austin v. State, and the Appendix in the case of Jermaine Hartwell v. The State with the Supreme Court on April 17, 2026. Counsel filed the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the case of Christopher Jermaine Wells v. The State with the Supreme Court on April 8, 2026. Counsel appeared for Oral Argument in the case of The State v. Michael Lindsay Faile before the Court of Appeals on April 6, 2026. 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 Record on Appeal in the case of The State v. James Edward Boley, II with the Court of Appeals on February 25, 2026.

4. 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 the caseload will hopefully become more manageable in the near future, and less extensions will need to be requested.

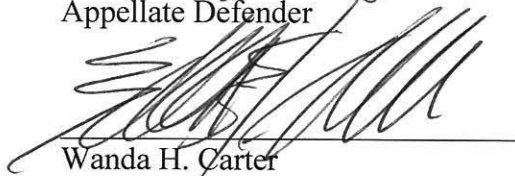
5. On March 30, 2026, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through April 30, 2026.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension from April 20, 2026, until May 20, 2026**, in which to serve and file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances. Counsel respectfully requests that the time limits for filing the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

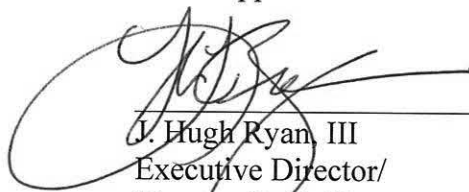
Respectfully submitted,



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This 20th day of April, 2026.

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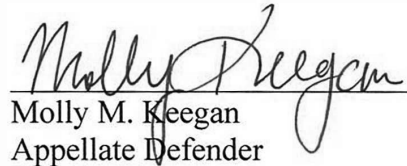
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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 Mark Farthing, Esquire, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), this 20th day of April, 2026.


Molly M. Keegan
Appellate Defender

ATTORNEY FOR APPELLANT