

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from Orangeburg County

Honorable Heath P. Taylor, Circuit Court Judge

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THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

TYLER GIVENS,

APPELLANT.

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2024-001995

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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 **fourth and final ten (10) day extension from April 29, 2026, until May 11, 2026**, in which to serve and file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the above-referenced case. This motion is made pursuant to the Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009. 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 with the Court today.

2. Counsel for appellant respectfully submits that extraordinary circumstances exist which warrant the granting of an additional extension of time. Given the number of extensions

previously granted and the order in which counsel attempts to manage his caseload, counsel hopes that no further extension requests will be required.

3. Counsel filed the Anders Brief of Appellant and Record on Appeal in the case of The State v. Javeon Campbell with the Court of Appeals on April 22, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Court of Appeals in the case of The State v. Jharaun M. Washington with the Supreme Court on April 17, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Rehearing in the case of Marc Anthony Palmer v. The State with the Court of Appeals on April 9, 2026. Counsel appeared for Oral Argument in the case of The State v. Nevelle J. Eberhart before the Court of Appeals on April 8, 2026. Counsel filed the Anders Brief of Appellant and Record on Appeal in the case of The State v. Demetrius David John with the Court of Appeals on March 30, 2026. 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.

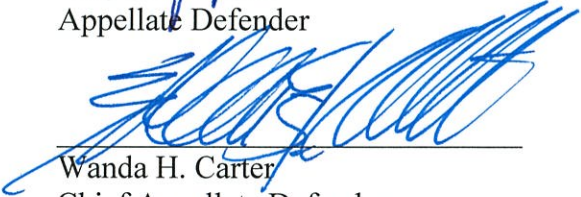
4. On March 30, 2026, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through May 1, 2026.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **fourth and final ten (10) day extension from April 29, 2026, until May 11, 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.

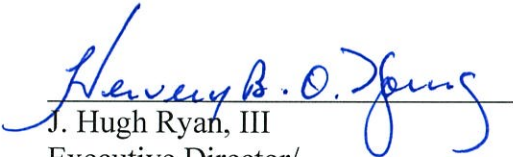
Respectfully submitted,



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Appellate Defender



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Wanda H. Carter  
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This 29th day of April, 2026.

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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 Melody J. Brown, Esquire, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), this 29th day of April, 2026.

  
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Gary H. Johnson  
Appellate Defender

ATTORNEY FOR APPELLANT

**Leverett, Scott**

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**From:** Leverett, Scott  
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Dear Ms. Brown,

Attached please find a fourth extension in the above referenced case that is being filed today with the Court of Appeals.

-Scott Leverett  
Admin. Asst. for Gary H. Johnson  
Appellate Defense