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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 FOURTH 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 today, 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, Friday, May 1, 2026, as per this Court's Order granting Respondent's third extension request. The undersigned attorney for the Respondent has had a number of state and federal matters to attend to since April 2026 when the Court granted Respondent's third extension. Specifically:

1. Counsel filed the Motion for Summary Judgement and Return and Memorandum of Law in Support of Motion for Summary Judgment on 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;

2. Counsel filed the Final Brief of Respondent on April 6, 2026, in the matter of The State v. William Gray Ackerman, Jr., Appellate Case No. 2024-001749, a matter pending in this Court;
3. Counsel prepared and presented Oral Argument on April 7, 2026 in the matter of The State v. Antonio V. Barnes, Jr., Appellate Case No. 2023-001390, a matter pending in this Court;
4. Counsel prepared and filed the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari on April 13, 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;
5. Counsel filed the Reply to Response in Opposition on April 20, 2026, in the matter of Naijuwan S. Chisolm vs. Warden of Ridgeland Correctional Institution, C/A No.: 1:25-cv-11722-JD-SVH, a matter pending in the District Court;
6. Counsel filed the Response in Opposition to Petitioner's Various Filings (ECF #27, 28, 29, 30) on April 20, 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;
7. Counsel filed the Response in Opposition to Petitioner's Request for the Appointment of Counsel and Reply to Response in Opposition on April 20, 2026, in the matter of Vance Rossvs. Warden, Broad River Correctional Institution, C/A No.: 0:25-cv-12833-DCN-PJG, a matter pending in the District Court;
8. Counsel prepared and litigated in a Capital Post-Conviction Relief Hearing on April 21, 2026, in Horry County South Carolina, in the matter of Luzenski Allen Cottrell v. State of South Carolina, C/A No. 2018-CP-26-05709;
9. 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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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 Fourth Extension of Time to file the Initial Brief and Designation of Matter has been forwarded to Appellant's counsel, Wesley Chandler Norville, Esquire, via email today, May 1, 2026 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 May 2026.

s/W. Joseph Maye
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Dear Mr. Norville,

Please find attached the Respondent's Fourth Motion for Extension to file the Initial Brief and Designation of Matter, together with the Proof of Service. These documents will be filed with the South Carolina Court of Appeals, today, May 1, 2026, along with a copy of this email. Thank you.

Best,

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