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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Court of Appeals

Appeal from Hampton County
The Honorable Carmen T. Mullen, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

Respondent,

v.

TRAMPAS PRATER,

Appellant.

Appellate Case No. 2024-002102

**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 file the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter in the above-referenced case. Opposing counsel has graciously consented to all extensions through June 1, 2026. In support of this motion, counsel would respectfully show the Court the following:

Respondent's Initial Brief and Designation of Matter are due today, May 4, 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 April 2026. Specifically,

1. Counsel prepared and filed the Response in Opposition to Petitioner's Cross Motion for Summary Judgment on April 6, 2026, in the matter of Williams v. Nance, 9:25-cv-12987-SAL-

MHC, C/A No. 9:25-cv-12987-SAL-MHC, a matter pending in the District Court;

2. Counsel prepared and filed the Initial Brief and Designation of Matter on April 8, 2026, in the case of The State v. Travon Ragin, Appellate Case No. 2025-000444, a matter pending in this Court;

3. Counsel prepared and presented Oral Argument in the matter of The State v. Nevelle Eberhart, Appellate Case No. 2023-000234 on April 8, 2026, a matter pending in this Court;

4. Counsel prepared and presented Oral Argument in the matter of The State v. Karseem Hardaway, Appellate Case No. 2024-001245 on April 14, 2026, a matter pending in this Court;

5. Counsel prepared and filed the Initial Brief and Designation of Matter on April 20, 2026, in the matter of The State v. Terry Paige, Appellate Case No. 2025-001075, a matter pending in this Court;

6. Counsel prepared and filed the State's Proposed Order Denying Rule 59(e) Relief in the Post Conviction Relief matter of Michael Schmidt v. The State, 2020-CP-10-01047 on April 27, 2026, a matter pending in the Circuit Court;

7. Counsel prepared and filed the State's Brief of Petitioner in the Post Conviction Relief appeal matter of Ronnie Swofford v. The State, Appellate Case No. 2025-002073 on April 28, 2026, a matter pending in the South Carolina Supreme Court;

8. 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.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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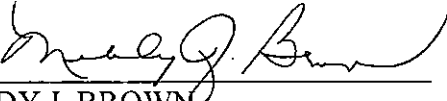
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I support the finding of good cause.

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PROOF OF SERVICE

I, P. Sanders Linker, certifies that pursuant to Rule 262(c)(3), SCACR and the Supreme Court order of April 24, 2024, the third extension to file the Initial Brief of Respondent, Designation of Matter and Proof of Service have been forwarded to Appellant's counsel, Sarah E. Shipe via email today, May 4, 2026 to SShipe@sccid.sc.gov and to Ms. Shipe's legal assistant, Scott Leverett, to SLeverett@sccid.sc.gov.

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

This is the 4th day of May 2026.

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Ms. Shipe, please find attached the State's Motion for an Extension of Time to serve and file the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter in the above appeal. The motion will be electronically filed with the Court of Appeals on today's date.

Thank you,

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