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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from Greenwood County

Honorable Frank R. Addy, Circuit Court Judge

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THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

AHMAD DETERRIUS EVANS,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2025-001900

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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 Ahmad Evans respectfully requests a thirty (30) day extension from May 8, 2026 until June 8, 2026 in which to serve and file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in this case. This motion is made pursuant to the Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009. This is a third 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. Today, May 8, 2026, counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in The State v. Jason Barnes with the Court of Appeals. On May 4, 2026, counsel filed

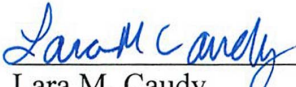
the petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals in The State v. Trevor Irvin with the Supreme Court. On April 22, 2026, counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in Alexis Grant v. The State with the Supreme Court. On April 20, 2026, counsel filed the brief of appellant and designation of matter in The State v. Tyleek Johnson with the Court of Appeals. On April 9, 2026, counsel had an oral argument in The State v. Robert Belcher before the Court of Appeals. On April 7, 2026, counsel had an oral argument in The State v. Antonio Barnes before the Court of Appeals. On March 27, 2026, counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in Charles Morehouse v. The State with the Supreme Court. On March 20, 2026, counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in The State v. Chriwanta Bryant with the Court of Appeals.

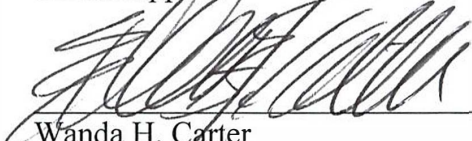
3. This request is made in good faith, and not for purposes of delay. Counsel intends to continue to work on the cases with more than three extensions first so that the caseload will hopefully become more manageable in the near future, and less extensions will need to be requested.

4. On April 29, 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 June 1, 2026.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty-day extension from May 8, 2026 until June 8, 2026. 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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Lara M. Caudy  
Senior Appellate Defender

  
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Wanda H. Carter  
Chief Appellate Defender

This 8th day of May, 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 8th day of May, 2026.



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Lara M. Caudy  
Senior 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 third extension in the above referenced case that is being filed today with the Court of Appeals.

-Scott Leverett  
For Sara McInnis  
Admin. Asst. for Lara Caudy  
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