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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Colleton County

Carmen T. Mullen, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

KASIEM RASHAWN STEPHENS,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2025-002060

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

Counsel for Kasiem Stephens respectfully requests a thirty (30) day extension from May 13, 2026, until June 12, 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. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant in the case of The State v. Dyshawn Titus Hines with the Court of Appeals on May 12, 2026. Counsel filed the Johnson Petition for

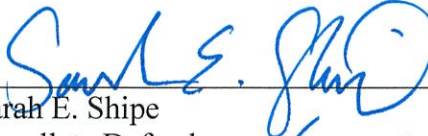
Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in the case of Robert Davis Smith, Jr. v. The State with the Supreme Court on April 20, 2026. Counsel filed the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the case of Christopher Ray Smith v. The State with the Supreme Court on April 10, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Court of Appeals and Appendix in the case of Erick E. Wells v. The State with the Supreme Court on April 10, 2026. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant in the case of The State v. Jennifer Blair McNaughton with the Court of Appeals on April 8, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Rehearing in the case of Anthony Briggs v. The State with the Court of Appeals on April 2, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Joint Appendix in the case of Christopher Ray Smith v. The State with the Supreme Court on March 31, 2026. Counsel filed the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the case of Darius T. Cathcart v. The State with the Supreme Court on March 25, 2026. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant in the case of The State v. Toby Khan Armstrong with the Court of Appeals on March 23, 2026. Counsel filed the Anders Brief of Appellant and Record on Appeal in the case of The State v. Derrick Edward Gathers with the Court of Appeals on March 11, 2026.

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.

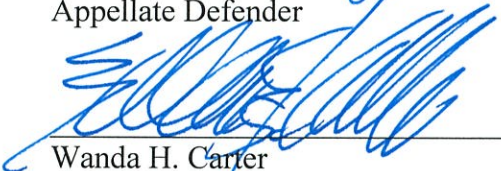
4. On April 29, 2026, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through June 1, 2026.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty-day extension from May 13, 2026, until June 12, 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,



Sarah E. Shipe
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Wanda H. Carter
Chief Appellate Defender

This 13th day of May, 2026.

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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 Melody J. Brown, Esquire, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), this 13th day of May, 2026.



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Good morning,

Attached is a copy of a third extension request in the above referenced case which will be filed today, May 13, 2026, with the Court of Appeals.

All the best,

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