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S.C. SUPREME COURT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Supreme Court

Certiorari to Anderson County
Honorable R. Lawton McIntosh, Circuit Court Judge
Honorable Daniel D. Hall, Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No. 2025-001145

EZRA WILLIAMS,

Petitioner,

vs.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

Respondent.

**MOTION FOR FOURTH EXTENSION OF TIME WITHIN WHICH
TO SERVE AND FILE RETURN TO PETITION
FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI AND BRIEF OF RESPONDENT PURSUANT TO
WHITE V. STATE**

Respondent (“the State”), through its undersigned counsel, would respectfully show unto the Court as follows:

I.

The Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari and the Brief of Respondent pursuant to White v. State in this post-conviction relief appeal are due to be served and filed May 20, 2026.

II.

Pursuant to “RE: Extension Requests in Criminal Direct Appeals and Post-Conviction Relief Certiorari Proceedings” (Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009), the State moves for a **fourth** extension in the above-referenced post-conviction relief appeal and asks for an additional thirty days to complete both the Return and Brief in this case. In the past several weeks, the undersigned has filed a Petition for Rehearing in Maurice Odom v. State (2022-001223), a Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari pursuant to Austin v. State in Jamaques Salley v. State (2024-001320), and post-hearing briefs in the circuit court PCR cases of Lentigus Floyd v. State (2021-CP-24-00466) and Jamel Good v. State (2015-CP-44-00065).

III.

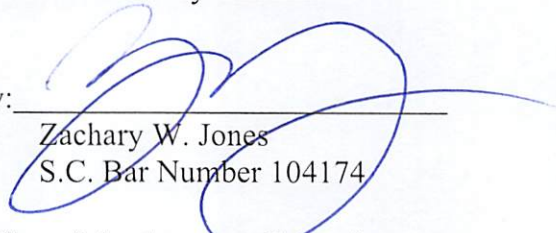
The undersigned counsel submits this extension request is supported by extraordinary circumstances and is not intended for purposes of delay. The undersigned counsel is currently working on the Return and Brief in this case and intends to have them finished in a timely manner. However, the undersigned counsel has not yet been able to finish the Return and Brief due to a heavy workload. Accordingly, to ensure the Return and Brief are properly researched and prepared, I would therefore request an additional extension of time within which to serve and file the Return and Brief.

WHEREFORE, Respondent prays that the Court extend the deadline for the service and filing of the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari and the Brief of Respondent pursuant to White v. State in this case for thirty days from the date such relief is granted; hold the matter in abeyance pending a ruling on Respondent’s motion; and grant such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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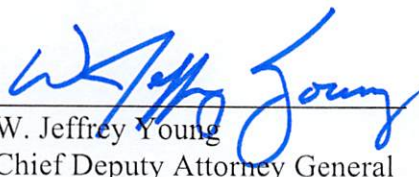
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I have reviewed and approved this extension request.

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May 20, 2026