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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Lexington County

Debra R. McCaslin, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

v.

KHARTAE TYUAN BETHEL,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2025-001517

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

Counsel for Khartae Bethel respectfully requests a thirty (30) day extension from May 20, 2026, until June 19, 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 Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Court of Appeals and Appendix in the case of The State v. Jason Barry Bell with the Supreme Court on May 6, 2026.

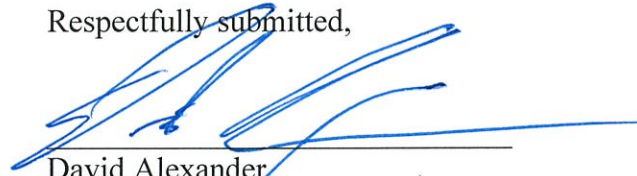
Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Court of Appeals and Appendix in the case of The State v. Phillip Ryan Lawson with the Supreme Court on April 28, 2026. Counsel filed the Brief of Petitioner in the case of The State v. Demetrius Alexander Brown with the Supreme Court on April 20, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Court of Appeals and Appendix in the case of The State v. William McKinney with the Supreme Court on April 16, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in the case of Kenya R. Jenkins v. The State with the Supreme Court on April 10, 2026. Counsel filed the Brief of Appellant in the case of The State v. Quindaris K. Washington with the Court of Appeals on April 8, 2026. Counsel had an oral argument in The State v. Justin Cole Carroll in the Court of Appeals on April 8, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Rehearing in the case of The State v. Jason Barry Bell with the Court of Appeals on April 1, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in the case of Jaquese Kavon Hyatt v. The State with the Supreme Court on March 17, 2026. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant in the case of The State v. Darryl Jerome Washington with the Court of Appeals on March 9, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and accompanying Appendix in the case of Pamela Michelle Tackett v. The State with the Supreme Court on March 2, 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.

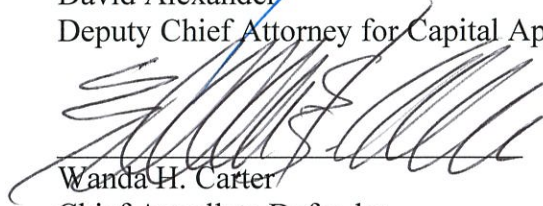
4. On April 29, 2026, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through June 1, 2026.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty-day extension from May 20, 2026, until June 19, 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,



David Alexander
Deputy Chief Attorney for Capital Appeals



Wanda H. Carter
Chief Appellate Defender

This 20th day of May, 2026.

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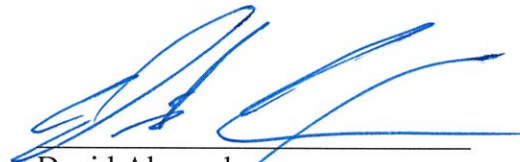
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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 Mark Farthing, Esquire, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), this 20th day of May, 2026.



David Alexander
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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 20, 2026, with the Court of Appeals.

All the best,

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