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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Court of Appeals

Appeal from Horry County
The Honorable B. Alex Hyman, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

Respondent,

v.

CHARLES WILLIAM MURPHY, JR.,

Appellant.

Appellate Case No. 2025-000135

**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 Tuesday, May 26, 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 Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix on April 20, 2026, in the matter of The State v. Eric Anton Graham, Appellate Case No. 2023-000160, a matter pending in the South Carolina Supreme Court;
2. Counsel prepared and filed the Motion for Summary Judgment and Return and Memorandum of Law in Support of Motion for Summary Judgment on April 29, 2026, in the matter of Jody Thompson vs. Warden of Kershaw Correctional Institution, C/A No: 8:25-cv-13832-BHH-WSB, a matter pending in the District Court;
3. Counsel prepared and filed the Motion for Summary Judgment and Return and Memorandum of Law in Support of Motion for Summary Judgment on May 4, 2026, in the matter of Wayne Hankinson, 373802 v. Warden, Allendale Correctional Institution, C/A No. 4:25-cv-13731-TMC-TER, a matter pending in the District Court;
4. Counsel prepared and filed the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari on May 8, 2026, in the matter of The State v. Rita M. Pangalangan, Appellate Case No. 2026-000656, a matter pending in the South Carolina Supreme Court;
5. Counsel prepared and presented Oral Argument on May 12, 2026, in the matter of The State of South Carolina v. Samantha Ford Rabon, Appellate Case No. 2024-000330, a matter pending in this Court;
6. Counsel prepared and filed the Motion for Summary Judgment and Return and Memorandum of Law in Support of Motion for Summary Judgment on May 20, 2026, in the matter of Wilbur Rickmon v. Warden Early, C/A No.: 8:26-0225-MGL-WSB, a matter pending in the District Court;
7. 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.

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PROOF OF SERVICE

I, Tommy Evans, Jr., certify that pursuant to Rule 262(c)(3), SCACR and the Supreme Court order of April 24, 2024, the third extension to file the third Motion for Extension to file Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter have been forwarded to Appellant's counsel, Wanda Carter via email today, May 21, 2026, to Wanda Carter @ WCarter@sccid.sc.gov and to Ms. Carter'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 21st day of May 2026.

s/Tommy Evans, Jr.

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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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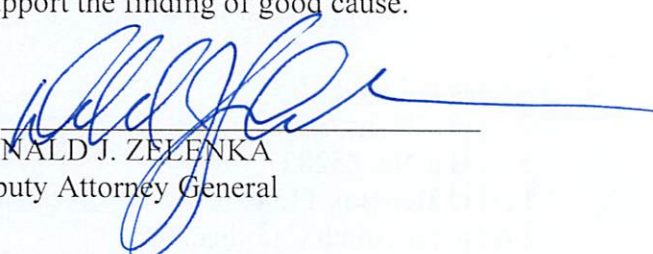
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I support the finding of good cause.

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Dear Ms. Carter,

Please find attached the Respondent's Third Motion for Extension to file the Initial Brief & Designation of Matter. This Motion will be filed with the South Carolina Court of Appeals, today, May 21, 2026 together with a copy of this email. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Brandy Rankin

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