

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
(In the Court of Appeals)

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APPEAL FROM SUMTER COUNTY  
Common Pleas

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R. Kirk Griffin, Circuit Court Judge

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Appellate Case No. 2026-000212

SC Court of Appeals

Claude Helton, .....Appellant,

V.

Sumter County Sheriff's Department, .....Respondent.

**MOTION TO EXTEND FILING TIME FOR APPELLANTS INITIAL BRIEF**

Appellant's counsel hereby moves this Honorable Court for an extension of time within which to file Appellant's Initial Brief. The current deadline for Appellant to file his Initial Brief is May 30, 2026. Appellant's counsel respectfully request an additional thirty (30) days within which to file Appellant's Initial Brief, resulting in a new deadline of June 29, 2026. This deadline has not previously been extended.

The basis for this Motion is the Appellant's counsel has been called to several Final Hearings and other Court Appearances.

Undersigned counsel has attempted to confer with counsels for Respondent, Sumter County Sheriff's Department, but no responses has yet been received.

Respectfully Submitted,



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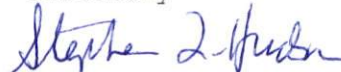
RE: Caption: Claude Helton vs Sumter County Sheriff's  
Department  
Docket No. 2023-CP-43-01088  
Appellate Case No. 2024-000686

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Please find enclosed my Motion To Extend Filing Time for Appellant's Initial Brief in the above referenced matter. I have enclosed my check number 6644 for the motion filing fee of Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars. Please file and scan a file copy to me.

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely

  
Stephen L. Hudson

Enclosures:

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