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S.C. SUPREME COURT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE SUPREME COURT

Certiorari to Sumter County

Edward W. Miller, Circuit Court Judge

MICHAEL VANDRELL JOHNSON,

PETITIONER,

V.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT.

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2025-002413

MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION TO FILE
THE PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI
AND APPENDIX

Counsel for petitioner respectfully requests a **final thirty (30) day extension, until July 1, 2026**, in which to file the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix 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 Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix are due to be served and filed with the Court today. The Court has granted counsel two previous extensions.
2. Counsel for petitioner respectfully submits that extraordinary circumstances exist which warrant the granting of an additional extension of time. Given the number of extensions

previously granted and the order in which counsel attempts to manage her caseload, counsel hopes that no further extension requests will be required.

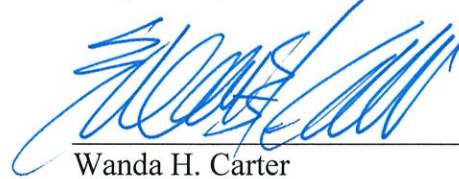
3. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. David Matthews with the Court of Appeals on May 29, 2026. Counsel filed the petition for rehearing in the case of State v. Jeremy Cornish with the Court of Appeals on May 28, 2026. Counsel filed the Johnson petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix and in the case of Jordan M. Hodge v. State with the Supreme Court on May 12, 2026. Counsel will file the Anders brief of appellant and record on appeal in the case of State v. Mack Davis on April 29, 2026, with the Court of Appeals. Counsel will file the Anders brief of appellant and record on appeal in the case of State v. Charles Ivey on April 29, 2026, with the Court of Appeals. Counsel filed the Brief of Petitioner in the case of Lawton L. Holloway v. State with the Court of Appeals on April 20, 2026. Counsel filed the Anders brief of appellant and record on appeal in the case of State v. Marlo Jackson on April 15, 2026, with the Court of Appeals. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals in the case of State v. Jarius Sanders with the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals on April 13, 2026. Counsel filed the petition for rehearing in the case of State v. James Monroe Brown with the Court of Appeals on April 9, 2026. Counsel filed the Anders brief of appellant and record on appeal in the case of State v. Curtis Smith on April 8, 2026, with the Court of Appeals.

4. Counsel makes this request in good faith and not for purpose of delay.

5. On May 27, 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 July 1, 2026.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **final thirty (30) day extension, until July 1, 2026**, in which to file the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances. Counsel requests that time limits for filing the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



Wanda H. Carter
Chief Appellate Defender

This 1st day of June, 2026.