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The Honorable Jenny Kitchings
Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals
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Re: The State v. Dontrell H. Rufus
Appellate Case No. 2025-001901

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

The initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the above-referenced case are due to be served and filed today. Because of my present workload, I respectfully request a thirty (30) day extension of this deadline. No prior extensions have been requested in this case.

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.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joanna K. Delany", is written over a printed name and title. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Joanna K. Delany
Appellate Defender

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cc: Melody J. Brown, Esquire

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Good Morning Ms. Brown,

Attached for service in the above-referenced case is the first motion for an extension of time to serve and file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter. This motion will be filed with the Court of Appeals today, May 29, 2026, via email filing.

Thank you,

Sara McInnis
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