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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Court of Appeals

Appeal from Charleston County
The Honorable Roger M. Young, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

Respondent,

v.

MICHAEL CHRISTOPHER WHITLOCK, JR.,

Appellant.

Appellate Case No. 2025-001221

**MOTION FOR FOURTH 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-reference case. Counsel for Appellant was contacted for consent today via email but has not yet responded. In support of this motion, counsel would respectfully show the Court the following:

Respondent's Initial Brief and Designation of Matter are due today, June 8, 2026 as per this Court's Order dated May 12, 2026, granting Respondent's third extension request. The undersigned attorney for the Respondent has had a number of state and federal matters to attend since May 12, 2026. Specifically:

1. Counsel prepared and filed the Initial Brief & Designation of Matter on May 15, 2026, in the matter of The State of South Carolina v. Israel Robinson, Appellate Case No. 2024-002140, a matter pending in this Court;
2. Counsel prepared and filed the Motion for Summary Judgment and the Return and Memorandum of Law in Support of Motion for Summary Judgment on May 22, 2026, in the matter of Maurio D. Rivers v. Warden Shane Jackson, C/A No.: 5:26-cv-01399-DCN-KDW, a matter pending in the District Court;
3. Counsel prepared and filed the Initial Brief & Designation of Matter on May 26, 2026 in the matter of The State v. John Tufton Blauvelt, Appellate Case No. 2025-000315, a matter pending in this Court;
4. Counsel prepared and filed the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari on June 8, 2026 in the matter of The State v. Jharaun M. Washington, Appellate Case No. 2026-000960, a matter pending in the South Carolina Supreme Court;
5. Counsel was on extended medical leave from March 24, 2026 through April 17, 2026, and was on unexpected medical leave on June 2, 2026 through June 2, 2026;
6. 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.

WHEREFORE, counsel respectfully requests a thirty (30) day extension of time to serve and file the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

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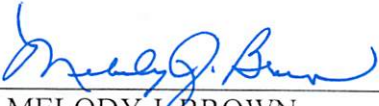
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June 8, 2026.

I support the finding of good cause.

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I, too, support the finding of good cause.

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PROOF OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that pursuant to Rule 262(c)(3), SCACR and the Supreme Court order of April 24, 2024, the Fourth Motion for Extension of Time, along with Certificate of Service has been forwarded to Appellant's counsel, Ryan McKaig, Esquire via email today, June 8, 2026 to Ryan@mckaiglaw.com.

I further certify that all parties required by Rule to be served have been served.

This is the 8th day of June 2026.



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Dear Mr. McKaig,

Please find attached the Respondent's Fourth Motion for Extension to file the Initial Brief and Designation of Matter, together with the Proof of Service. These documents will be filed today, June 8, 2026, with the South Carolina Court of Appeals along with a copy of this email. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Brandy Rankin

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