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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Beaufort County

Honorable Eugene Warr, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

JAMES ETHRIDGE JONES,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2025-001761

MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO
SERVE AND FILE THE INITIAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT
AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER

Counsel for James Ethridge Jones respectfully requests a thirty (30) day extension from June 11, 2026, until July 13, 2026, in which to serve and file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter 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 Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in this case are due to be served and filed today.
2. Counsel had an oral argument in The State v. Kereen Donyell Lee in the Court of Appeals on June 9, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in the

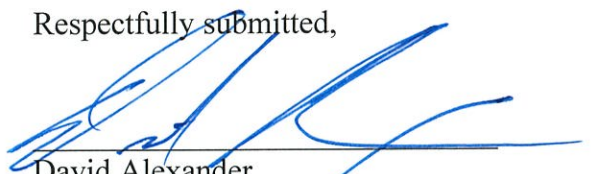
case of James Bubba Patterson v. The State with the Supreme Court on June 8, 2026. Counsel filed the Brief of Appellant and Record on Appeal in the case of The State v. Daniel Machito Buckson with the Court of Appeals on June 3, 2026. Counsel filed the Brief of Petitioner in the case of The State v. Desmond Lamar Green with the Supreme Court on June 1, 2026. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant in the case of The State v. Joseph Landry with the Court of Appeals on May 22, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Court of Appeals and Appendix in the case of The State v. Jason Barry Bell with the Supreme Court on May 6, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Court of Appeals and Appendix in the case of The State v. Phillip Ryan Lawson with the Supreme Court on April 28, 2026. Counsel filed the Brief of Petitioner in the case of The State v. Demetrius Alexander Brown with the Supreme Court on April 20, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Court of Appeals and Appendix in the case of The State v. William McKinney with the Supreme Court on April 16, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in the case of Kenya R. Jenkins v. The State with the Supreme Court on April 10, 2026.

3. This request is made in good faith, and not for purposes of delay. Counsel intends to continue to work on the cases with more than three extensions first so that the caseload will hopefully become more manageable in the near future, and less extensions will need to be requested.

4. On May 26, 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 thirty-day extension from June 11, 2026, until July 13, 2026. Counsel respectfully requests that the time limits for filing the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,


David Alexander
Deputy Chief Attorney for Capital Appeals
Wanda H. Carter
Chief Appellate Defender

This 11th day of June, 2026.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to Rule 262(a)(3) and Rule 262(c)(3), SCACR, the undersigned hereby certifies a true copy of the Motion for Extension in the above-referenced case has been served upon Mark Farthing, Esquire, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), this 11th day of June, 2026.



David Alexander
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Good afternoon,

Attached is a copy of a third extension request in the above referenced case which will be filed today, June 11, 2026, with the Court of Appeals.

All the best,

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