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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Colleton County

D. Craig Brown, Circuit Court Judge

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THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

v.

SINCERE JAMAL OWENS,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2012-213550

PETITION FOR EXTENSION TO FILE
INITIAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT
AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER

The undersigned counsel respectfully requests a **final thirty day extension, until January 27, 2014**, in which to file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the above-referenced case. In support of this motion, counsel would respectfully show the Court the following extraordinary circumstances:

1. The initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case are due to be served and filed today.
2. On Thursday, December 19, 2013, counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Gabriel Jon Rios. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Jonathan James v. The State of South Carolina on December 9, 2013. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix

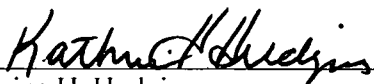
in the case of Antonio Moultrie v. State on December 9, 2013. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of State v. Donta Kevon Reid in the Supreme Court, on December 5, 2013. On Friday, November 22, 2013, counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of State v. James Bowers. On Wednesday, November 20, 2013, counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Bronson Shelley. On Tuesday, November 19, 2013, counsel had an oral argument in the South Carolina Supreme Court in the case of State v. Eric Dantzler. On Thursday, November 14, 2013, counsel filed the petition for rehearing in the cases of State v. Wesley Smith. On Wednesday, November 13, 2013, counsel filed Johnson petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Kenny Jackson v. State. On Wednesday, November 13, 2013, counsel had an oral argument in the South Carolina Court of Appeals in the case of State v. Ted Abney. And also on Wednesday, November 13, 2013, counsel had an oral argument in the South Carolina Court of Appeals in the case of State v. Antrell Felder. On Tuesday, November 12, 2013, counsel had an oral argument in the South Carolina Court of Appeals in the case of State v. Roderick Bradley. On Monday, November 4, 2013, counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. James Carrier. On Tuesday, November 3, 2013, counsel had an oral argument in the South Carolina Court of Appeals in the case of State v. Ronald Black.

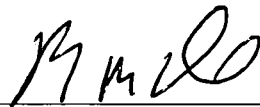
3. This request is made in good faith, and not for purposes of delay. Counsel intends to continue to work on the cases with more than three extensions first so that the caseload will hopefully become more manageable in the near future, and less extensions will need to be requested.

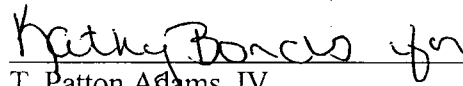
4. As indicated by his consent below, counsel for the state graciously consents to or does not oppose this request.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **final thirty day extension, until January 27, 2014**. 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,

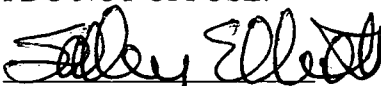

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Dear Ms. Kitchings:

In absence of Hugh Ryan, Deputy Attorney and General Counsel for the South Carolina Commission on Indigent Defense, and Patton Adams, Executive Director of the South Carolina Commission on Indigent Defense, and pursuant to instructions from Mr. Ryan, I ask that you accept this cover letter as an attempt to comply with the Court's order dated March 18, 2009, in regard to extension requests.

In the attached motion for an extension of time, Appellate Defender, Kathrine H. Hudgins, seeks a thirty day extension of time to file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter. Based on that and his extremely heavy case load, as outlined in the motion, he was unable to complete the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter.

Thank you for allowing me to bring this to your attention. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Kathy Bonds
Administrative Assistant
South Carolina Commission on
Indigent Defense