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SC Court of Appeals

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Court of Appeals

Appeal from Greenville County
The Honorable G. D. Morgan, Jr., Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

Respondent,

v.

KEOKI KENTA HARRIS,

Appellant.

Appellate Case No. 2024-001742

**MOTION FOR THIRD 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 serve and file the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter in the above-referenced case. Opposing counsel has graciously consented to all extension requests through July 1, 2026. In support of this motion, counsel would respectfully show the Court the following:

Respondent's Initial Brief and Designation of Matter is due today, Thursday, June 26, 2026, as per this Court's Order granting Respondent's second extension request. The undersigned attorney for the Respondent has had a number of state and federal matters to attend to since May 2026 when the Court granted Respondent's third extension. Specifically:

1. Counsel filed the Respondent's Motion to Hold All Outstanding & Future Motions in Abeyance Until Resolution of Respondent's Motion for Summary Judgment on June 15, 2026 in the matter of Joey Dean Coleman v. Warden of McCormick Correctional Institution, C/A No.:9:25-cv-12894-DCN-MHC, a matter pending in the District Court;

2. Counsel prepared and filed the Petition for Rehearing on June 18, 2026, in the matter of The State v. Anijah Yarnell, Appellate Case No. 2023-000571, a matter pending in this Court;
3. Counsel prepared the Motion for Summary Judgment and Return and Memorandum in Support of Motion for Summary Judgment on June 22, 2026, in the matter of Robert Lee McCord v. Warden Jonathan Nance, C/A No: 9:26-cv-00419-JD-MHC, this is a matter pending in the District Court;
4. Counsel prepared and filed the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari on June 22, 2026, in the matter of David Quintan Jones v. State of South Carolina, a post-conviction relief appeal pending in the Supreme Court of South Carolina, Appellate Case No. 2026-000963;
5. Counsel is working on the Initial Brief and Designation of Matter due June 26, 2026, in the matter of The State v. Jerod De'Quin Goodwin, Appellate Case No. 2025-000260, a matter pending in this Court and for which there are no further extensions;
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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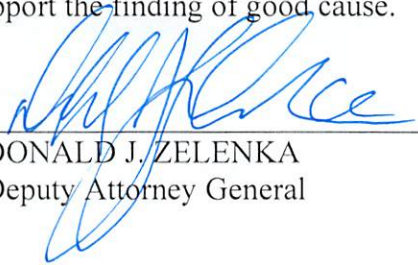
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I support the finding of good cause.

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PROOF OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that pursuant to Rule 262(c)(3), SCACR and the Supreme Court order April 24, 2024, the Third Extension of Time to file the Initial Brief and Designation of Matter have been forwarded to Appellant's counsel, Wanda H. Carter, Esquire, via email today, June 25, 2026 to WCarter@sccid.sc.gov and to her assistant, Scott Leverett at SLeverett@sccid.sc.gov.

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

This is the 25th day of June 2026.

s/W. Joseph Maye
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Dear Ms. Carter,

Please find attached the Respondent's third extension to file the Initial Brief and Designation of Matter together with the Proof of Service. These documents will be filed with the SC Court of Appeals today, June 25, 2026, along with a copy of this email. Thank you!

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