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SC Court of Appeals

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Lexington County

Honorable Debra R. McCaslin, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

KHARTAE TYUAN BETHEL,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2025-001517

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

Counsel for Khartae Bethel respectfully requests a **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension from June 19, 2026, until July 20, 2026**, in which to serve and file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the above-referenced case. This motion is made pursuant to the Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009. This is a fourth 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 with the Court today.
2. Counsel for Khartae Bethel respectfully submits that extraordinary circumstances exist which warrant the granting of an additional extension of time. Given the number of

extensions previously granted and the order in which counsel attempts to manage his caseload, counsel hopes that no further extension requests will be required.

3. Counsel filed the Brief of Appellant, Motion to Supplement the Record on Appeal, and Supplemental Record on Appeal in the case of The State v. Kenneth Dawson with the Court of Appeals on June 16, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in the case of Sinatra L. Hunter v. The State with the Supreme Court on June 15, 2026. Counsel filed the Brief of Appellant and Record on Appeal in the case of The State v. Marty Brown with the Court of Appeals on June 12, 2026. 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.

4. Counsel makes this request in good faith and not for purpose 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.

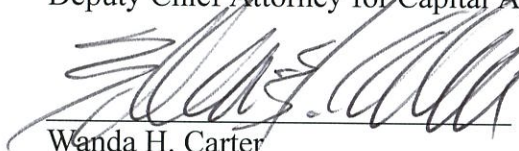
5. On May 26, 2026, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through July 1, 2026.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension from June 19, 2026 until July 20, 2026**, in which to serve and file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances.

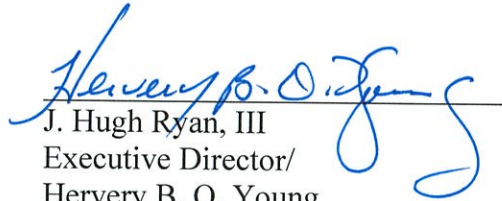
Respectfully submitted,



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This 19th day of June, 2026.

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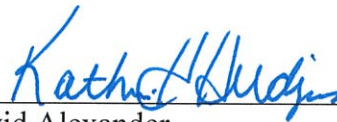
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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 19th day of June, 2026.



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Good morning,

Attached is a copy of a fourth extension request in the above referenced case which will be filed today, June 19, 2026, with the Court of Appeals.

All the best,

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