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S.C. SUPREME COURT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE SUPREME COURT

Appeal from Pickens County
Honorable Jessica A. Salvini, Circuit Court Judge
Appellate Case No. 2025-000562

THE STATE,

Respondent,

vs.

MATHEW Q. GILLESPIE,

Appellant.

**MOTION FOR FOURTH EXTENSION OF TIME WITHIN WHICH
TO SERVE AND FILE INITIAL BRIEF OF RESPONDENT AND DESIGNATION OF
MATTER**

Respondent (“the State”), through its undersigned counsel, would respectfully show unto the Court as follows:

I.

The Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter are due to be served and filed on July 6, 2026.

II.

Pursuant to RE: Extension Requests in Criminal Direct Appeals and Post-Conviction Relief Certiorari Proceedings: Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009, the State moves for a fourth extension in the above-referenced criminal appeal and asks for an additional thirty days to complete the Brief in this case. In the past several weeks, the undersigned counsel represented the State at an evidentiary hearing in the circuit court PCR

matter of Antonio Simpkins v. State (2022-CP-02-00109), submitted a post-hearing brief in the circuit court PCR case of Jamel Good v. State (2015-CP-44-00065), submitted a proposed order in the circuit court PCR matter of Brittany Epps v. State (2019-CP-45-00296), represented the State at an evidentiary hearing in the circuit court PCR matter of Arthur Bowers v. State (2022-CP-30-00700), and submitted a proposed order in the circuit court PCR matter of David Walker v. State (2019-CP-30-00026). Additionally, the undersigned counsel filed a Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in Nicholas McIver v. State (2025-000602) and a Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Brief of Respondent pursuant to White v. State in Ezra Williams v. State (2025-001145).

III.

The undersigned counsel submits this extension request is supported by extraordinary circumstances and is not intended for purposes of delay. The undersigned counsel is currently working on the Brief in this case and intends to have it finished in a timely manner. However, the undersigned counsel has not yet been able to finish the Brief due to a heavy workload. Accordingly, in order to ensure the Brief is properly researched and prepared, I would therefore request an additional extension of time within which to serve and file the Brief.

WHEREFORE, Respondent prays that the Court extend the deadline for the service and filing of the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter in this case for thirty days from the date such relief is granted; hold the matter in abeyance pending a ruling on Respondent's motion; and grant such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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I have reviewed and approved this extension request.

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July 6, 2026