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SC Court of Appeals

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Florence County

H. Steven DeBerry IV, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

DERRICK LAMONT BRUNSON,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2025-001937

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

Counsel for Derrick Brunson respectfully requests a thirty (30) day extension from July 13, 2026 until August 12, 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 will file the Brief of Petitioner in the case of The State v. James Orian

Gregory with the Supreme Court on or before Friday, July 17, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Rehearing in the case of The State v. Paul E. Lamberth, Jr. with this Court on July 9, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and the Appendix in the post-conviction DNA testing case of Jody Lynn Ward v. The State with this Court on July 8, 2026. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Steven Samuel with this Court on June 29, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and the Appendix in the case of Clifton E. Smith v. The State with the Supreme Court on June 15, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and the Appendix in the case of Kristi R. Powell v. The State with the Supreme Court on June 5, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Rehearing in the case of Samir Kevin Shank v. The State with the Supreme Court on May 21, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Court of Appeals and the Appendix in the case of The State v. Ronald Lee Lyons with Supreme Court on May 13, 2026. Counsel filed the Return to Petition for Rehearing in the case of Maurice Anthony Odom v. The State with this Court on May 12, 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.

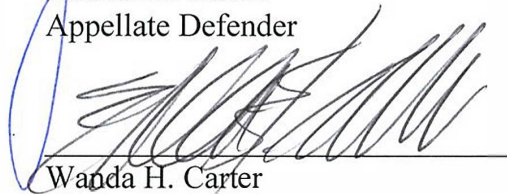
4. On July 2, 2026, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through August 1, 2026.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty-day extension from July 13, 2026 until August 12, 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,



Jessica M. Saxon
Appellate Defender



Wanda H. Carter
Chief Appellate Defender

This 13th day of July, 2026.

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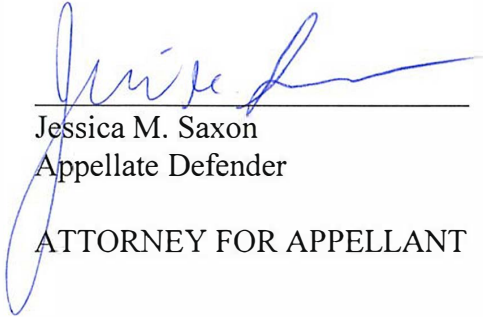
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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 Melody J. Brown, Esquire, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), this 13th day of July, 2026.



Jessica M. Saxon
Appellate Defender

ATTORNEY FOR APPELLANT

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Good morning,

Attached for service in the above-referenced case is the third motion for extension which will be filed today July 13th with the Court of Appeals via email filing.

Respectfully,

Catherine Walkup, Administrative Assistant

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