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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Oconee County

Honorable Jane H. Merrill, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

TONY AVELLA SANDERS,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2026-000133

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

Counsel for Tony A. Sanders 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. Today, July 13, 2026, counsel filed the brief of appellant and designation of matter in The State v. Whitney Grant with the Court of Appeals. On July 8, 2026, counsel filed

the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in The State v. Ahmad Evans with the Court of Appeals. On June 25, 2026, counsel filed the petition for rehearing in The State v. Barry Jones with the Court of Appeals. On June 10, 2026, counsel filed the return to the petition for rehearing in Matter of Hyman with the Supreme Court. On June 4, 2026, counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in Jeremy Parks v. The State with the Supreme Court. On May 21, 2026, counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in Cary Stephens v. The State with the Supreme Court. On May 19, 2026, counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in The State v. Kiywan Lewis with the Court of Appeals. On May 13, 2026, counsel had an oral argument in The State v. Dlanor Tilton before the Court of Appeals. On May 8, 2026, counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in The State v. Jason Barnes with the Court of Appeals.

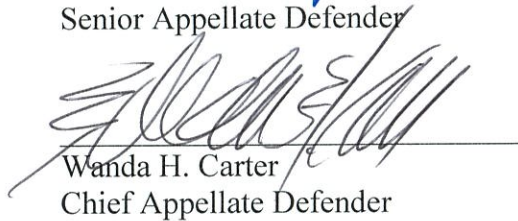
3. This request is made in good faith, and not for purposes of delay. Counsel intends to continue to work on the cases with more than three extensions first so that the caseload will hopefully become more manageable in the near future, and less extensions will need to be requested.

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,



Lara M. Caudy
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Wanda H. Carter
Chief Appellate Defender

This 13th day of July, 2026.

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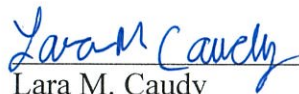
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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



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Senior Appellate Defender

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Good afternoon Mr. Buchanan,

Attached for service in the above-referenced case is the third motion for an extension of time to serve and file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter. This motion will be filed with the Court of Appeals today, July 13, 2026, via email filing.

Thank you,

Sara McInnis
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