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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from Spartanburg County

Honorable Grace Gilchrist Knie, Circuit Court Judge

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THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

JAMES CHRISTIAN WRIGHT,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2025-001678

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

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Counsel for James Wright respectfully requests a thirty (30) day extension from July 15, 2026 until August 14, 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 filed the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Virginia L. Driver with the Court of Appeals on July 9, 2026. Counsel filed the

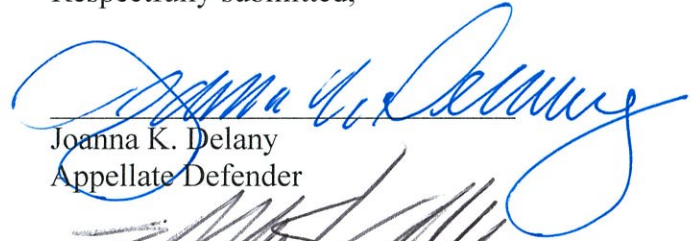
Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Dontrell L. Huff with the Court of Appeals on July 2, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Court of Appeals and accompanying Appendix in the case of Herbert Holmes v. State with the Supreme Court on June 18, 2026. Counsel filed the Return to the Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the case of The State v. Eric A. Graham with the Supreme Court on June 18, 2026. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Tyberious R. Pyles with the Court of Appeals on June 11, 2026. Counsel filed the *Johnson* Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in the case of Jeffrey McCoy v. State with the Supreme Court on June 8, 2026. Counsel filed the *Johnson* Petition for Writ of Certiorari and accompanying Appendix in the case of Zaquai Shuler v. State with the Supreme Court on May 27, 2026. Counsel filed the Brief of Respondent in the case of Ronnie Swofford v. State with the Supreme Court on May 21, 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.

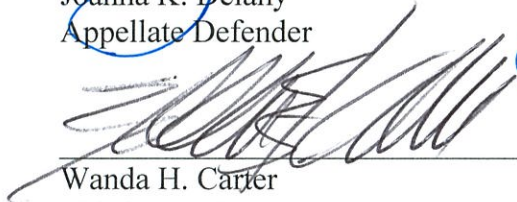
4. On July 2, 2026, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through August 1, 2026.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty-day extension from July 15, 2026 until August 14, 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,



Joanna K. Delany  
Appellate Defender



Wanda H. Carter  
Chief Appellate Defender

This 15th day of July, 2026.

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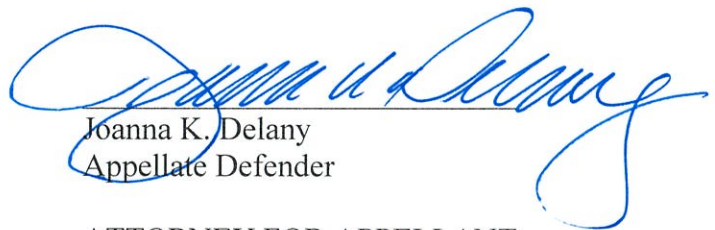
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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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 15th day of July, 2026.



Joanna K. Delany  
Appellate Defender

ATTORNEY FOR APPELLANT

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Good afternoon Mr. Farthing,

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 15, 2026, via email filing.

Thank you,

Sara McInnis  
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