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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Court of Appeals

Appeal from Sumter County
The Honorable Ferrell R. Cothran, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

Respondent,

v.

JASON EDWARD BARNES,

Appellant.

Appellate Case No. 2025-0011361

**MOTION FOR SECOND EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE
INITIAL BRIEF OF RESPONDENT AND
DESIGNATION OF MATTER**

The undersigned counsel would respectfully request a second thirty (30) day extension to serve and file the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter in the above-referenced case. Opposing counsel has consented to extension requests through August 1, 2026. In support of this motion, counsel would respectfully show the Court the following:

Respondent's Initial Brief and Designation of Matter are due today, July 23, 2026. The undersigned attorney has had a number of state and federal matters to attend since June 23, 2026. Specifically,

1. Counsel prepared and filed the Initial Brief of Respondent in the matter of The State v. Jordin Glover, Appellate Case No. 2025-000849, a matter in the South Carolina Court of Appeals, on June 23, 2026;

2. Counsel attended a status conference in the matter of Anthony Woods v. State of South Carolina, C/A No. 2018-CP-14-382, a capital post-conviction relief matter, on June 26, 2026;
3. Counsel attended a status conference in the matter of Jerome Jenkins v. State of South Carolina, C/A No. 2022-CP-26-8071, a capital post-conviction relief matter, on June 29, 2026;
4. Counsel prepared and filed the Reply to Petitioner's Response in Opposition for Motion for Summary Judgment in the matter of Justin Simms v. Warden of Evans Correctional Institution, C/A No. 9:25-06429-JFA-MHC, on June 30, 2026;
5. Counsel prepared and filed the Response to Amici Brief in the matter of Nazareth Sanchez-Peralta v. The State of South Carolina, Appellate Case No. 2023-001588, a matter in the South Carolina Court of Appeals, on July 13, 2026;
6. Counsel is currently preparing to file the Motion of Summary Judgment and the Return and Memorandum of Law in Support of Motion for Summary Judgment in the matter of Wallace Demery v. Warden Williams, Allendale Correctional Institution, C/A No. 1:26-cv-1121-JDA-SVH, on July 27, 2026; and
7. Counsel is currently preparing to file the Initial Brief of Respondent in the matter of The State of South Carolina v. Kurtino D. Weathersbee, Appellate Case No. 2025-000246, a matter in the South Carolina Court of Appeals, on July 31, 2026.
8. Counsel is working on other state and federal matters, and this request is made in good faith, and not for the purpose of delay.

Due to counsel's involvement in these and other matters counsel has been unable to timely complete the Return in this matter.

WHEREFORE, undersigned counsel for Respondent moves this Court to enlarge the time for filing the Initial Brief of respondent and Designation of Matter by granting a thirty (30) day extension of time, and ordering the response to be filed on or before August 24, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that pursuant to Rule 262(c)(3), SCACR and the Supreme Court order of April 24, 2024, the Initial Brief of Respondent, along with Certificate of Service has been forwarded to Petitioner's counsel, Lara M. Caudy, Esquire via email today, July 23, 2026 to lcaudy@sccid.sc.gov and to her assistant smcinnis@sccid.sc.gov .

I further certify that all parties required by Rule to be served have been served.

This 23rd day of July 2026.

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Counsel, please find attached the State's Motion for Extension of Time to File Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter in the above reference of appeal. This letter will be electronically filed with the South Carolina Court of Appeals on today's date.

Thank you!



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