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July 27, 2026

The Honorable Patricia A. Howard  
Clerk of Court, South Carolina Supreme Court  
Post Office Box 11330  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Re: The State v. Willie J. Smith  
Appellate Case No: 2026-001428

Dear Ms. Howard:

The Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari is due to be served and filed today, July 27, 2026. Undersigned, counsel hereby requests a 12-day extension in which to serve and file its Return. Due to counsel's caseload, including addressing capital matters, counsel has been unable to complete the return.

I respectfully request this Court grant an extension until August 10, 2026, to serve and file the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari. Opposing counsel has consented to all extension requests through August 1, 2026.

Sincerely,

*s/ Melody J. Brown*

Melody J. Brown  
Senior Assistant Deputy Attorney General

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cc: Kathrine H. Hudgins, Esquire (via email only)

## Angela Brown

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**From:** Angela Brown  
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**To:** Hudgins, Kathrine; Stock, Chris  
**Cc:** Melody Brown  
**Subject:** The State v. Willie Smith (2026-001428)  
**Attachments:** Smith.Extension Request for RPWC.pdf

Ms. Hudgins, please find attached the State's request for an extension of time to serve and file the Return to Petition or Writ of Certiorari in the above referenced appeal. The request will be electronically filed with the Supreme Court on today's date.

Thank you,

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