

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Greenville County

G.D. Morgan, Jr., Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

DARIUS LAMAR MONTGOMERY,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2025-002326

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

Counsel for Darius Montgomery respectfully requests a thirty (30) day extension from July 27, 2026, until August 26, 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 Motion for a New Trial in the case of The State v. Renee Lavonne Simon with the Court of Appeals on July 24, 2026. Counsel filed the Anders Brief of

Appellant and Record on Appeal in the case of The State v. Robert Tyrwick Hoffman with the Court of Appeals on July 9, 2026. Counsel filed the Johnson Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in the case of David R. Dozier v. The State with the Supreme Court on July 9, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Rehearing in the case of The State v. Measha Jaquetta Shawnic Joyner with the Court of Appeals on July 2, 2026. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant in the case of The State v. Kasiem Rashawn Stephens with the Court of Appeals on June 26, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Court of Appeals and Appendix in the case of Anthony Briggs v. The State with the Supreme Court on June 19, 2026. Counsel filed the Johnson Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in the case of Ralph Jake Goss, Jr. v. The State with the Supreme Court on June 10, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in the case of Jose R. Reyes v. The State with the Supreme Court on June 5, 2026. Counsel filed the Johnson Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in the case of Daryl Lamar Quarles v. The State with the Supreme Court on June 1, 2026. Counsel filed the Johnson Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in the case of Samuel L. McNeil v. The State with the Supreme Court on May 22, 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.

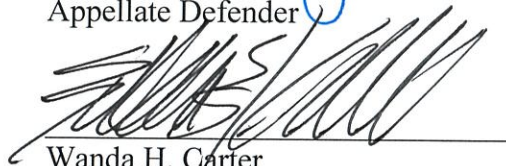
4. On July 2, 2026, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through August 1, 2026.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty-day extension from July 27, 2026, until August 26, 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,



Sarah E. Shipe
Appellate Defender



Wanda H. Carter
Chief Appellate Defender

This 27th day of July, 2026.

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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 Mark Farthing, Esquire, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), this 27th day of July, 2026.



Sarah E. Shipe
Appellate Defender

ATTORNEY FOR APPELLANT

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Good morning,

Attached is a copy of a third extension request in the above referenced case which will be filed today, July 27, 2026, with the Court of Appeals.

All the best,

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