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SC Court of Appeals

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Spartanburg County

Grace Gilchrist Knie, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

JAMES CHRISTIAN WRIGHT,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2025-001678

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

Counsel for James Wright respectfully requests a **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension from August 14, 2026 until September 14, 2026**, in which to serve and file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the above-referenced case. This motion is made pursuant to the Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009. This is a fourth 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 with the Court today.
2. Counsel for James Wright respectfully submits that extraordinary circumstances exist which warrant the granting of an additional extension of time. Given the number of

extensions previously granted and the order in which counsel attempts to manage her caseload, counsel hopes that no further extension requests will be required.

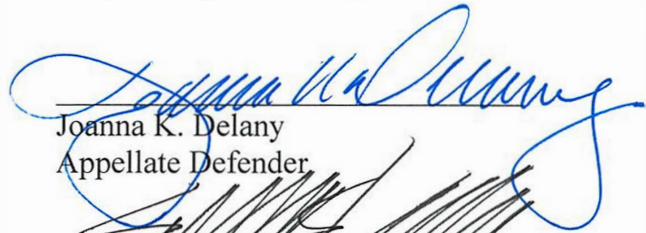
3. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Court of Appeals and the Appendix in the case of The State v. Marcus Alexander Wigfall with the Supreme Court on August 14, 2026. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Michael Todd Roberts, Jr. with this Court on August 12, 2026. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Dontrell Henry Rufus with this Court on July 29, 2026. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Virginia L. Driver with this Court 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 this Court on July 2, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari to this Court and accompanying Appendix in the case of Herbert Holmes v. State with the Supreme Court on June 18, 2026.

4. Counsel makes this request in good faith and not for purpose 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.

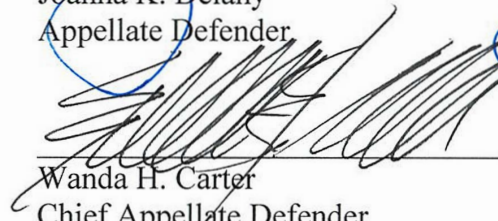
5. On August 3, 2026, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through September 1, 2026.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension from August 14, 2026 until September 14, 2026**, in which to serve and file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances.

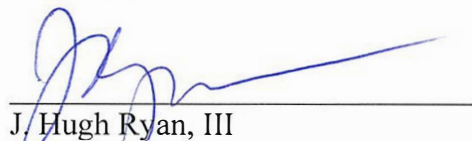
Respectfully submitted,



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This 14th day of August, 2026.

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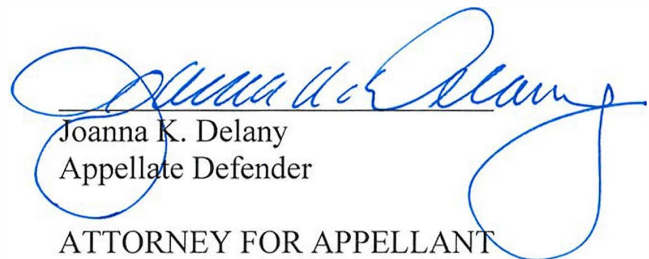
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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 Mark Farthing, Esquire, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), this 14th day of August, 2026.


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Good afternoon,

Attached for service in the above-referenced case is the fourth motion for extension which will be filed today August 14th with the Court of Appeals via email filing.

Respectfully,

Catherine Walkup, Administrative Assistant