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SC Court of Appeals

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal From Lexington County
The Honorable Thomas W. McGee, III, Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No: 2026-000208

THE STATE,

Appellant,

vs.

JOSEPH STEPHEN CONNOLLY, JR.,

Respondent.

**MOTION FOR THIRD EXTENSION OF TIME WITHIN WHICH TO SERVE AND FILE
THE INITIAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER**

Appellant, through its undersigned counsel, would respectfully show unto this Court as follows:

I.

The Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter are due to the Court today, pursuant to two previous extensions granted by the Court.

II.

Pursuant to RE: Extension Requests in Criminal Direct Appeals and Post-Conviction Relief Certiorari Proceedings: Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009, the Appellant moves for a third extension in the above referenced appeal. Due to work required in other cases pending before this Court, the undersigned counsel is unable to complete this Brief on time. Since the last extension was granted in this matter, the undersigned counsel submitted a Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in Supreme Court in Derrick Miller v. State of South

Carolina (20226-001610); has submitted a Final Brief of Respondent in the Court of Appeals in State v. Anthony Nathaniel Drayton (2025-001071) and State v. Travis Douglass (2024-001965); has submitted a Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter in the Court of Appeals for In the Interest of Dawone W. (2025-001431); and has submitted a Brief of Respondent in the Supreme Court in State v. Donald King Pollock (2026-000456). Counsel would therefore request an extension of time within which to serve and file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter.

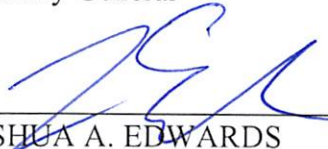
III.

This extension request is not intended for purposes of delay, but rather to ensure that the Brief is properly researched and prepared.

WHEREFORE, Respondent prays that the Court extend the deadline for the service and filing of the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in this case for thirty days; and for such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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I have reviewed and approved this extension request.

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PROOF OF SERVICE

I, Grace Sommer, certify that I have served the Motion for Extension of Time on Wanda H. Carter, Esquire, counsel of record for the Respondent, by sending one copy by electronic mail to the address listed for counsel in AIS.

I further certify that all parties required by Rule to be served have been served.
This 26th day of August, 2026.



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