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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Court of Appeals

Appeal from Lexington County
The Honorable Debra R. McCaslin, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

Respondent,

v.

CLEVELAND STONE, JR.,

Appellant.

Appellate Case No. 2024-002010

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

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

Respondent's Initial Brief and Designation of Matter is due Monday, August 31, 2026, as per this Court's Order granting Respondent's second extension request. The undersigned attorney for the Respondent has had a number of state and federal matters to attend to since August 2026 when the Court granted Respondent's second extension. Specifically:

1. Counsel prepared and filed the Response in Opposition to Motion to Appoint an Expert on July 27, 2026, in the matter of Robert Lee McCord v. Warden Jonathan Nance, C/A 9:26-cv-00419-JD-MHC, a matter pending in this Court;
2. Counsel prepared and filed the Reply to Objections to the Report and Recommendation

on July 30, 2026, in the matter of Chris Anthony Liverman v. South Carolina Department of Corrections, Warden of Tallahatchie County Correctional Facility, C/A No. 9:23-03205-JD-MHC, a matter pending in this Court;

3. Counsel prepared and filed the Moton to Amend the Designation of Matter and the Record on Appeal in the matter of The State v. Brandon Lee Corder, Appellate Case No 2023-001543, a matter pending in the South Carolina Court of Appeals;
4. Counsel prepared and filed the Petition for Rehearing on August 19, 2026, in the matter of The State v. Antonio Vashon Barnes, Jr., Appellate Case No. 2023-001390, a matter pending in the South Carolina Court of Appeals;
5. Counsel prepared and filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari, together with the Appendices on August 25, 2026, in the matter of The State v. Anijah Yarnell, Appellate Case No. 2023-000571, a matter pending in the South Carolina Supreme Court;
6. Counsel is working on the Post Hearing Brief in the matter of Norman Edwin Starnes v. State of South Carolina, Case No. 2022-CP-32-830, due August 28, 2026, a capital Post-Conviction Relief matter;
7. Counsel is working on other state and federal matters, and this request is not made for the purpose of delay but due to the foregoing.

WHEREFORE, counsel respectfully requests a thirty (30) day extension of time to serve and file the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Attorney General

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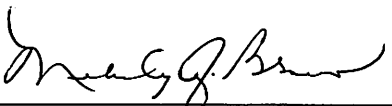
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August 28, 2026

I support the finding of good cause.

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PROOF OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that pursuant to Rule 262(c)(3), SCACR and the Supreme Court order April 24, 2024, the Third Extension of Time to file the Initial Brief and Designation of Matter have been forwarded to Appellant's counsel, Wesley Chandler Norville, Esquire, via email today, August 28, 2026 to CNorville@sccid.sc.gov and to his assistant, Kaylynn Warren at KWarren@sccid.sc.gov.

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

This is the 28th day of August 2026.

s/W. Joseph Maye
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Dear Mr. Norville,

Please find attached the Respondent's Third Motion for Extension for which to file the Initial Brief & Designation of Matter. This document will be filed with the South Carolina Court of Appeals, today, August 28, 2026, together with a copy of this email. Thank you.

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