

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS
Zy'Tawn Keinas Childs, Petitioner,
v.

State of South Carolina, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2025-002046

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**MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO PROPERLY PREPARE AND FILE PRO SE
JOHNSON RESPONSE**

Petitioner Zy'Tawn Keinas Childs, proceeding pro se, respectfully moves for an extension of time so that he may properly prepare, complete, and file a meaningful pro se response to appointed counsel's Johnson petition. Petitioner is not seeking additional time merely to delay the proceeding. He needs additional time to review the record, organize the documentary evidence, research the legal issues available to him, and prepare a response that fully identifies the issues he believes warrant appellate review.

On August 12, 2026, the Supreme Court of South Carolina entered an order pursuant to Rule 243(l), SCACR, transferring this post-conviction-relief appeal to the South Carolina Court of Appeals.

Petitioner did not receive and sign for the August 12, 2026 transfer order at the correctional facility until August 26, 2026. Petitioner therefore did not know of the transfer when he mailed his Johnson response or his separate extension request.

Petitioner mailed his pro se Johnson response on August 14, 2026. USPS tracking no. 9505510276526226495348 reflects delivery to the Columbia, South Carolina post-office box on August 19, 2026 at 8:12 a.m.

Petitioner mailed a separate request for an extension of time on August 15, 2026, the day after mailing the Johnson response.

Institutional records further reflect that Petitioner did not receive and sign for the earlier correspondence advising him of the opportunity to file a pro se Johnson response until July 7, 2026.

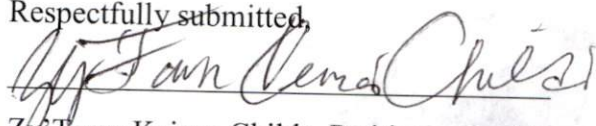
Petitioner is incarcerated and has limited access to the institutional law library, legal research materials, copying services, records, and other resources necessary to properly prepare his pro se Johnson response. The response requires review of a substantial record, including the PCR proceedings, search-warrant materials, police reports, medical and forensic records, photographs, recordings, and pre-plea communications relevant to Petitioner's ineffective-assistance and suppression-related claims. Additional time is therefore necessary for Petitioner to properly prepare the response rather than submit an incomplete filing.

Petitioner has acted diligently and in good faith. Any delay resulted from delayed institutional receipt of court correspondence, restricted access to legal resources, and the transfer of the case while Petitioner's filings were in transit, rather than any intent to delay the proceeding.

Petitioner respectfully requests that the Court recognize the Johnson response mailed August 14, 2026 and delivered August 19, 2026 as part of Appellate Case No. 2025-002046. To the extent Petitioner is permitted or required to supplement, correct, complete, or refile his response following transfer, Petitioner respectfully requests thirty (30) additional days so that he may properly prepare a complete pro se response addressing the issues and supporting record.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully requests thirty (30) additional days, or such other period as the Court deems appropriate, to properly prepare, complete, and file his pro se Johnson response; that the Court recognize the response already mailed and delivered; that Petitioner be permitted to supplement or correct that response if necessary; and that the Court grant such other relief as is just and appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,


Zy Tawn Keinas Childs, Petitioner Pro Se

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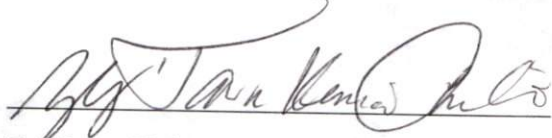
990 Wisacky Highway

Bishopville, SC 29010

Date: 8/27/2024

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on August 27, 2026, I placed a true and correct copy of the foregoing Motion for Extension of Time to Properly Prepare and File Pro Se Johnson Response in the institutional mailing system, with sufficient postage or other authorized institutional mailing procedures, addressed to counsel for Respondent at the address shown on the most recent filing or correspondence in this case.



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