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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Horry County

Benjamin H. Culbertson, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

LAFREDIA CORLET TODD,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2025-002569

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

Counsel for Lafredia Todd respectfully requests a **final ten (10) day extension from September 11, 2026 until September 21, 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 fifth 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 Lafredia Todd 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. Appellant was indicted by the January 2023 term of the Horry County grand jury for the offenses of murder and possession of a weapon during the commission of a violent crime. After multiple pre-trial hearings, including a multi-day immunity hearing, Appellant's case was called to trial before the Honorable Benjamin H. Culbertson and a jury on January 9, 2025. After seven days of trial, on January 17, 2025, the jury found Appellant guilty as indicted, and Judge Culbertson sentenced her to concurrent terms of thirty-six (36) years' incarceration as to the murder charge and five (5) years' incarceration as to the weapons charge. The transcription of all hearings related to this case totals approximately 1,885 pages, in addition to the many hours of surveillance video entered pre-trial and at trial over defense objection. Counsel is working diligently to complete the multi-issue brief in this case.

4. Counsel will file the four-issue Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the murder case of The State v. Derrick Brunson, wherein the defendant received a life sentence, with this Court today, September 11, 2026. Counsel was recently assigned to and is scheduled to appear for Oral Argument in the belated direct appeal case of Daniel Lawrence v. The State before this Court on Wednesday, September 16, 2026. Counsel filed the Brief of Appellant and the Record on Appeal in the murder case of The State v. Jody Lynn Ward with this Court on Tuesday, September 8, 2026. Counsel appeared as a witness at the post-conviction relief evidentiary hearing in the case of Gary Wirtz v. The State via WebEx on September 1, 2026, Counsel filed the Brief of Petitioner in the case of The State v. Ronald Lee Lyons with the

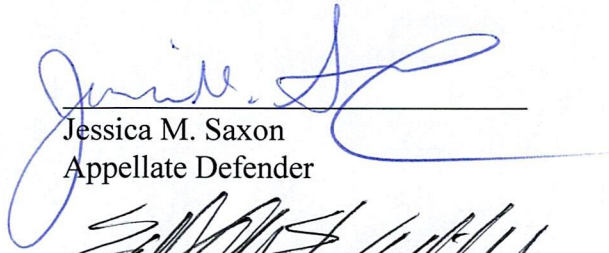
Supreme Court on September 1, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and the Appendix in the case of Gary Nelson v. The State with the Supreme Court on August 31, 2026. Counsel filed the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Court of Appeals in the case of Derrick Miller v. The State with the Supreme Court on August 26, 2026. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Kieky Dawn Williams Durham with this Court on August 24, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Court of Appeals and the Appendix in the case of The State v. Paul Elbert Lamberth, Jr. with the Supreme Court on August 14, 2026. Counsel filed the Brief of Petitioner in the case of Billy J. Geisendorff v. The State with this Court on August 7, 2026. Counsel also has extensive duties related to the programming of Continuing Legal Education at the upcoming Annual Public Defender Conference from September 28-30, 2026.

5. Counsel makes this request in good faith and not for purpose of delay.

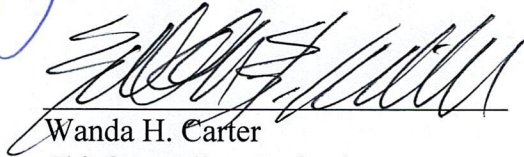
6. On August 27, 2026, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general reciprocal consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for any requests to motions for extensions or out of time filing up to one month for briefs, returns, petitions, appendices and records on appeal through October 1, 2026.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **final ten (10) day extension from September 11, 2026 until September 21, 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.

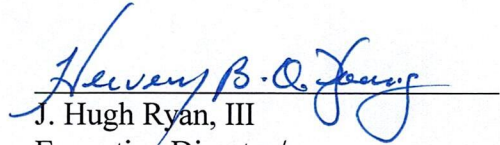
Respectfully submitted,



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This 11th day of September, 2026.

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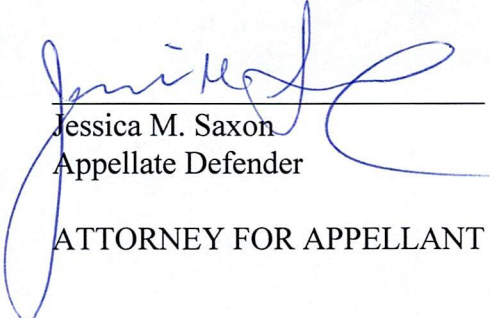
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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 Melody J. Brown, Esquire, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), this 11th day of September, 2026.



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Good Afternoon,

Attached for service in the above-referenced case is the Final Motion for Extension which will be filed today, September 11, 2026, with the Court of Appeals via email filing.

Respectfully,

Kaylynn

Kaylynn Warren

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