

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE SUPREME COURT

Certiorari to Greenville County

Honorable J. Derham Cole, Circuit Court Judge

JONATHA DASHON HELLAMS,

PETITIONER

V.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2026-001112

MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME
TO FILE THE PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI
AND APPENDIX

Counsel for Jonatha Dashon Hellams respectfully requests an extension of thirty (30) days from September 21, 2026 until October 21, 2026 in which to serve and file the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in this case. This motion is made pursuant to the Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009. This is a second request for an extension. In support of this request, counsel shows:

1. The Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix are due to be served and filed with the Court today.
2. Counsel for Jonatha Dashon Hellams respectfully submits that extraordinary

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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.

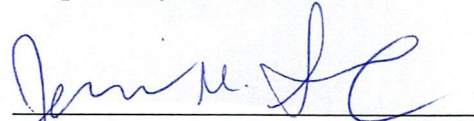
3. Counsel is drafting the multi-issue Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the murder case of The State v. Lafredia Corlett Todd due before the Court of Appeals. Counsel appeared for Oral Argument in the case of Daniel Jamaal Lawrence v. The State before the Court of Appeals on Wednesday, September 16, 2026. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the murder case of The State v. Derrick Lamont Brunson with the Court of Appeal son September 11, 2026. Counsel filed the Brief of Appellant and the Record on Appeal in the murder case of The State v. Jody Lynn Ward with the Court of Appeals on 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 this 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 this 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 this 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 the Court of Appeals 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 this Court on August 14, 2026.

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

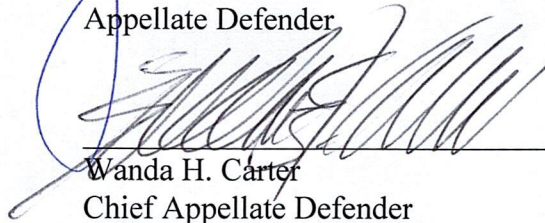
5. On August 27, 2026, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through October 1, 2026.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty (30) day extension from September 21, 2026 until October 21, 2026, in which to serve and file the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances. Counsel requests that time limits for serving and filing the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



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This 21st day of September, 2026.