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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Sumter County

Honorable Charles J. McCutchen, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

JOHN PAUL ROGERS (A.K.A. YEHOCHANAN BINNUN ABIJAH),

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2026-000192

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

The undersigned counsel respectfully requests a thirty day extension in which to file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the above-referenced case. In support of this motion, counsel would respectfully show the Court the following extraordinary circumstances:

1. The initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case are due to be served and filed today.

2. Counsel filed the petition for rehearing in the case of The State v. Benjamin Walter Dubois III with the Court of Appeals on September 17, 2026. Counsel had an oral argument before the Court of Appeals in the case of The State v. Thomas Eric McDowell on September 16, 2026. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v.

Jaquan Ma'liek Frinks with the Court of Appeals on July 29, 2026. Counsel filed the Anders brief of appellant, designation of matter, and record on appeal in the case of The State v. Ronald Ray Broadnax with the Court of Appeals on July 20, 2026. Counsel filed the brief of petitioner in the case of Myron A. Cannon v. The State with the Supreme Court on July 16, 2026. Counsel filed the Johnson petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Antonio D. Scott v. The State with the Supreme Court on July 15, 2026. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals in the case of The State v. Willie Smith with the Supreme Court on June 26, 2026. Counsel filed the Anders brief of appellant, designation of matter, and record on appeal in the case of The State v. Michael Anton Young with the Court of Appeals on June 22, 2026.

3. Opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, has graciously consented to this extension request by way of the thirty day general consent granted by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through September 30, 2026. That emailed general consent was dated August 27, 2026.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty day extension. Counsel respectfully requests that the time limits for filing the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathrine H. Hudgins
Senior Appellate Defender

Wanda H. Carter
Chief Appellate Defender

This 21st day of September, 2026.

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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 of time to file initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the above-referenced case has been served upon Mark Farthing, Esquire, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), this 21st day of September, 2026.

Kathrine H. Hudgins
Senior Appellate Defender

ATTORNEY FOR APPELLANT

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Mr. Farthing,

Please find attached for service the 3rd Extension Request for the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter for John Paul Rogers' appeal which will be filed with the Court of Appeals today.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you,

Chris Stock
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