

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Supreme Court

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S.C. SUPREME COURT

APPEAL FROM OCONEE COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas

The Honorable Perry H. Gravely, PCR Judge
The Honorable Alexander S. Macaulay, Trial Judge

Appellate Case No. 2026-000355

Laquavius T. Cleveland, #360829,

Petitioner,

v.

State Of South Carolina,

Respondent.

**MOTION FOR A FOURTH EXTENSION OF TIME TO SERVE AND FILE THE
RETURN TO PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI**

Counsel for Respondent respectfully moves for a **fourth** and **final** extension of thirty (30) days in which to serve and file the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in this case. This is a fourth request for an extension. In support of this request, Counsel shows¹:

1. The Return to Petition for a Writ of Certiorari is due to be served and filed with the Court today, September 21, 2026.
2. Counsel for Respondent respectfully submits that extraordinary circumstances exist that warrant the granting of an additional time extension. Given the number of extensions

¹ In compliance with: In Re: Extensions in Criminal and Post-Conviction Relief Cases, (S.C. Sup. Ct. order dated March 18, 2009) (Davis Adv. Sh. No. 13 at 1).

previously granted and the order in which Counsel attempts to manage his heavy caseload, Counsel hopes that no further extension requests will be required.

3. Counsel had a term of court on July 13 – 17, 2026, in the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, in which Counsel is preparing orders.
4. Counsel had a term of court on July 20 – 24, 2026, in the Second Judicial Circuit.
5. Counsel had a term of court on August 31 – September 4, 2026, in the Third Judicial Circuit.
6. In the last month, Counsel has had multiple PCR filings with the lower courts in the Seventh, Eighth, and Eleventh Judicial Circuits.
7. Counsel has been working on orders of dismissal for the Second and Sixteenth Judicial Circuits.
8. Counsel had another return to a petition for a writ of certiorari due and submitted on August 26, 2026.
9. This extension request is made in good faith and not intended for delay, but rather due to counsel's heavy workload and to ensure the return is properly researched and prepared.
10. Opposing counsel has no objections to an extension.

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WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a ten-day extension in which to serve and file the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances.

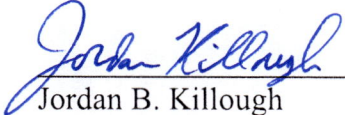
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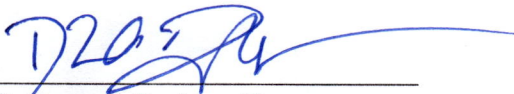
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I have reviewed and approved this extension request.

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September 21, 2026