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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Greenville County
The Honorable G.D. Morgan, Jr., Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No. 2025-001368

THE STATE,

Respondent,

vs.

JASON RAMONE STEWART,

Appellant.

**MOTION FOR FOURTH EXTENSION OF TIME WITHIN WHICH TO SERVE AND
FILE INITIAL BRIEF OF RESPONDENT AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER**

Respondent (“the State”), through its undersigned counsel, would respectfully show unto the Court as follows:

I.

The Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter are due to be served and filed on September 23, 2026.

II.

Pursuant to RE: Extension Requests in Criminal Direct Appeals and Post-Conviction Relief Certiorari Proceedings: Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009, the State moves for a **fourth** extension in the above-referenced criminal appeal and asks for an additional thirty days to complete the brief in this case. Since the last extension was granted in this matter, the undersigned counsel submitted a Final Brief of Respondent to the Court of Appeals in The State v. William Russell Oliver, II (2024-001236); has submitted a Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Supreme Court in Reginald R. Scurry v. State of

South Carolina (2026-000676); and prepared for and had an Oral Argument before the Court of Appeals in the matter of Najm Ahmad Thomas v. State of South Carolina (2023-000643). Counsel would therefore request an extension of time within which to serve and file the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter.

III.

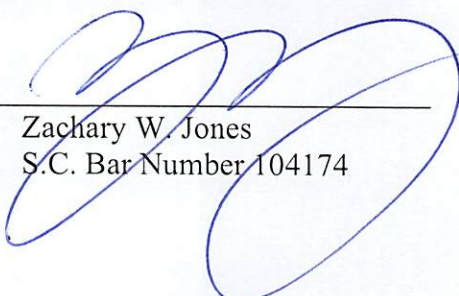
The undersigned counsel submits this extension request is supported by extraordinary circumstances and is not intended for purposes of delay. The undersigned counsel is currently working on the Brief in this case and intends to have it finished in a timely manner. However, the undersigned counsel has not yet been able to finish the Brief due to a heavy workload. Accordingly, to ensure the Brief is properly researched and prepared, I would therefore request an additional extension of time within which to serve and file the Brief.

WHEREFORE, Respondent prays that the Court extend the deadline for the service and filing of the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter in this case for thirty days from the date such relief is granted; hold the matter in abeyance pending a ruling on Respondent's motion; and grant such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

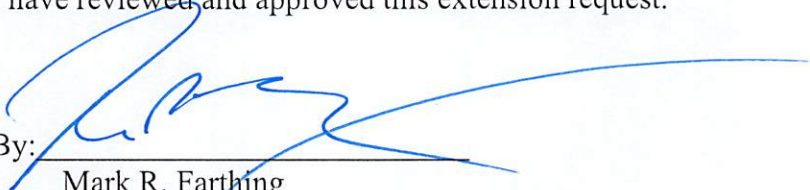
Respectfully submitted,

ALAN WILSON
Attorney General

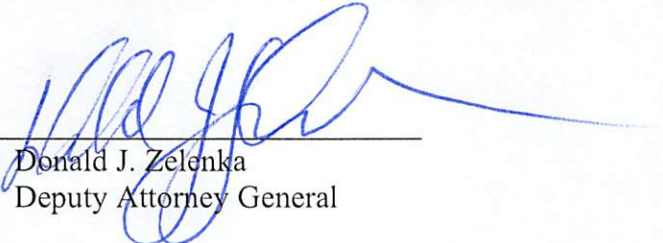
ZACHARY W. JONES
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By: 
Zachary W. Jones
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I have reviewed and approved this extension request.

By: 

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Donald J. Zelenka
Deputy Attorney General

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PROOF OF SERVICE

I, Stephen King, certify I have served the within Motion for the Fourth Extension of Time Within Which to Serve and File Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter on Appellant by sending an electronic copy via email to the address listed in AIS for the following individual:

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I further certify all parties required by Rule to be served have been served.
This 23rd day of September, 2026.



STEPHEN KING
Legal Assistant
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