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VIA EMAIL
The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings
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RE: ***State v. Aaron Messiah Hodari Harper –Request for Extension***
Appellate Case No. 2025-002337

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

The reply brief of appellant in the above-referenced case is due to be served and filed today, September 25, 2026. The initial brief of respondent was filed on September 15, 2026. Undersigned counsel is a full-time assistant public defender at the trial level. As a result, undersigned counsel's appearance in court has been required extensively over the last two weeks. Because of my present workload and the particular time frame during which the ten days to file a reply brief fell, I respectfully request a ten (10) day extension of this deadline. This is the first request for an extension.

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (864) 467-8375, should you have any questions. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

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Good afternoon,

Please find attached for service a request for a ten-day extension to file the reply brief in the above-referenced matter. Thank you for your time and patience.

Sincerely,

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