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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from Lexington County  
Honorable Walton J. McLeod, IV, Circuit Court Judge  
Appellate Case No. 2025-000699

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THE STATE,

Respondent,

vs.

MARQUISE LOVE ROBINSON,

Appellant.

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

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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 October 5, 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. Earlier today, the undersigned counsel submitted a Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Supreme Court in State v.

Chad Eugene Gibbs. Additionally, in the past few weeks, the undersigned counsel has participated in oral argument before the Supreme Court at Clemson University in Marcus Dwain Wright v. State, has submitted an Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter to the Court of Appeals in State v. Rodolfo S. Moreno, has submitted a Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Supreme Court in State v. Marcus A. Wigfall, has submitted an Appealability Memorandum to the Court of Appeals in State v. Marquevious L., and has submitted a Final Brief of Respondent to the Court of Appeals in State v. Darryl Jerome Washington. Along with that, the undersigned counsel has attended to other responsibilities—including supervisory and administrative ones—in the office and has prepared for and participated in three separate presentations at the 2026 South Carolina Solicitors’ Annual Conference.

### **III.**

The undersigned counsel submits this extension request is supported by extraordinary circumstances and is not intended for purposes of delay. The Brief in the above-referenced case involves multiple issues on appeal, including issues related to the sufficiency of the evidence, the trial judge’s jury instructions, and the nature of the jury’s verdict. 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, challenges that have resulted from substantial staffing issues currently being experienced by the undersigned counsel’s office and section, and some unanticipated matters that have required the undersigned counsel’s attention. 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.

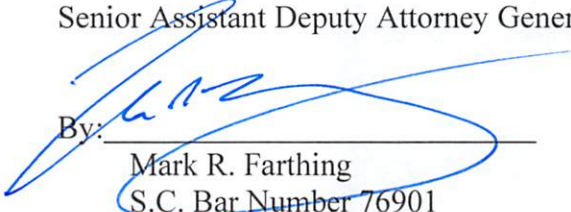
**WHEREFORE**, Respondent prays that the Court extend the deadline for the service and filing of the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter in this case for thirty days

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,

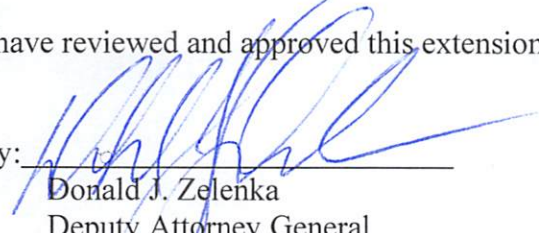
ALAN WILSON  
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I have reviewed and approved this extension request.

By: 

Donald J. Zelenka  
Deputy Attorney General

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**PROOF OF SERVICE**

I, Grace Sommer, certify I have served the within Motion for the Third 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:

W. Chandler Norville, Esquire  
S.C. Commission on Indigent Defense  
PO Box 11589  
Columbia, SC 29201

I further certify all parties required by Rule to be served have been served.  
This 5th day of October, 2026.



GRACE SOMMER  
Administrative Support Manager  
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