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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Court of Appeals

Appeal from Darlington County
The Honorable Paul M. Burch, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

Respondent,

v.

STEVEN LEWIS SAMUEL,

Appellant.

Appellate Case No. 2024-001380

**MOTION FOR THIRD EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE
INITIAL BRIEF OF RESPONDENT AND
DESIGNATION OF MATTER**

The undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty (30) day extension in which to file the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter in the above-referenced case. Opposing counsel has graciously consented to all extensions through November 1, 2026. In support of this motion, counsel would respectfully show the Court the following:

Respondent's Initial Brief and Designation of Matter are due today, October 14, 2026, as per this Court's Order granting Respondent's second extension request. The undersigned attorney for the Respondent has had a number of state and federal matters to attend to since September 2026. Specifically,

1. Counsel prepared for and litigated in a hearing in the Capital Post-Conviction Relief case of Jerry Buck Inman, #5256 a/k/a Jerry Buck Inmon v. State of South Carolina, Appellate Case No. 2020-000881 from September 21, 2026, through September 23, 2026, in Greenville.
2. Counsel prepared and filed the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari on October 2, 2026, in the matter of The State v. Jeremy Savoy Cornish, Appellate No. 2026-001956, a matter pending in the South Carolina Supreme Court;
3. Counsel is working on the Brief of Petitioner due Friday, October 16, 2026, in the matter of The State v. Eric Anton Graham, Appellate Case No. 2026-000776, a matter pending in the South Carolina Supreme Court;
4. Counsel is working on the Brief of Respondent due October 22, 2026, in the matter of The State v. Rita M. Pangalangan, Appellate Case, 2026-000656, a matter pending in the South Carolina Supreme Court;
5. Counsel is working on other state and federal matters, and this request is not made for the purpose of delay but due to the forgoing.

WHEREFORE, counsel respectfully requests a thirty (30) day extension of time to serve and file the Initial Brief and Designation of Matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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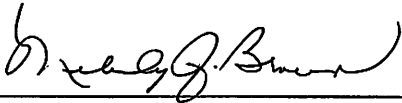
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I support the finding of good cause

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PROOF OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that pursuant to Rule 262(c)(3), SCACR and the Supreme Court order April 24, 2024, the Third Extension of Time to file the Initial Brief and Designation of Matter have been forwarded to Appellant's counsel, Jessica M. Saxon, Esquire, via email today, October 14, 2026, to JSaxon@sccid.sc.gov and to her assistant, Kaylynn Warren at KWarren@sccid.sc.gov.

I further certify that all parties required by Rule to be served have been served.

This is the 14th day of October 2026.

s/Tommy Evans, Jr.
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Dear Ms. Saxon,

Please find attached the Respondent's Third Motion for Extension to file the Initial Brief and Designation of Matter. These documents will be filed today, Wednesday, October 14, 2026, along with a copy of this email. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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