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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Court of Appeals

Appeal from Darlington County
The Honorable Brian M. Gibbons, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

Respondent,

v.

DONTRELL LORENZO HUFF.,

Appellant.

Appellate Case No. 2025-001890

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-reference case. Opposing counsel has consented to all extension requests through November 1, 2026. In support of this motion, counsel would respectfully show the Court the following:

(1) Respondent's Initial Brief and Designation of Matter are due today, October 19, 2026 as per this Court's Order dated September 17, 2026 granting Respondent's second extension request. The undersigned attorney for the Respondent has had a number of state and federal matters since September 18, 2026.

(2) On September 24, 2026, Counsel prepared and filed Respondent's Status Report in the direct appeal matter of State v. Zachary Hughes (App. Case No. 2025-000367), a matter currently stayed pending the disposition of the limited remand yet pending before this Court;

(3) On October 2, 2026, Counsel prepared and filed the Final Brief of Respondent in the direct appeal matter of State v. Tyberious Pyles (App. Case No. 2025-1886), currently pending before this Court;

(4) On October 6, 2026, Counsel prepared and filed the Final Brief of Respondent in the direct appeal matter of State v. Camrin Smith (App. Case No. 2025-001288), currenting pending before this Court;

(5) On October 9, 2026, Counsel attended a pre-trial hearing in the general sessions matter of State v. Rosmore Wayne Vilardi for purposes of assisting with possible interlocutory review of any dispositive pre-trial ruling—that matter is now pending as a State's appeal before this Court (App. Case No. 2026-002255);

(6) On October 12, 2026, Counsel prepared and filed the Reply to Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the Capital PCR matter of Bobby Wayne Stone v. State (App. Case No. 2026-000115), currently pending before the Supreme Court;

(7) On October 15, 2026, Counsel presented oral argument before the Supreme Court in the direct appeal matter of State v. Demetrius Brown (App. Case No. 2025-002378);

Thus, due to counsel's involvement in these and other matters, counsel is unable to timely complete the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter.

WHEREFORE, counsel respectfully requests a thirty (30) day extension of time to serve and file the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter. This request is made in good faith, and not for the purpose of delay.

Respectfully Submitted,

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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 of April 24, 2024, the Motion for a Third extension of Time to file the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter, along with Certificate of Service has been forwarded to Appellant's counsel, Joanna K. Delany, Esquire via email today, October 19, 2026 to jdelany@sccid.sc.gov and to her assistant at cwalkup@sccid.sc.gov .

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

This 19th day of October 2026.

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Counsel, please find the State's Motion for Extension of Time to file Initial Brief of Respondent in the above reference of appeal. This letter will be electronically filed with the South Carolina Court of Appeals on today's date.

Thank you,

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