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**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse  
Clerk of Court, South Carolina Supreme Court  
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S.C. Supreme Court

**Re: Devodus Rouse v. State of South Carolina**  
**Appellate Case No: 2013-000474**

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

The Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the above appeal is due to be served and filed on today's date. However, this is to respectfully request a 30-day extension in which to serve and file this Return.

This extension request is not intended for the purpose of delay. Rather, this extension request is necessitated by a heavy workload.

Sincerely,

Joshua L. Thomas  
Assistant Attorney General  
Bar No: 100777

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cc: Susan B. Hackett, Esquire