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SC Court of Appeals

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Court of Appeals

Appeal from Chesterfield County
The Honorable Robert E. Hood, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

Respondent,

v.

EMANUEL AUROMOND BEDFORD,

Appellant.

Appellate Case No. 2025-001286

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

Undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty (30) day extension up to and including November 23, 2026, in which to serve and file the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter in the above-referenced 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:

Respondent's Initial Brief and Designation of Matter are due today, October 23, 2026, pursuant to this Court's Order dated September 24, 2026. Undersigned counsel assumed primary responsibility on September 4, 2026, with the departure of former counsel for the State, Mr. Larrabee. At that time counsel assumed primary representation, the State had received three prior extensions. Consequently, this appeal was noted as needing time in the

calendar as quickly as possible. However, undersigned counsel already had case deadlines which prevented immediate work on the briefs, which includes the following work that has been completed recently: prepared for and participated in a capital PCR hearing in Greenville, SC (*Jerry Buck Inman*, Sept. 22-23, 2026); prepared and filed a reply to petitioner's opposition to summary judgment in a non-capital federal habeas action (*Wallace Demery*, Sept. 25, 2026); prepared and filed two responses in opposition to rule 59(e) motions in a non-capital federal habeas action (*Terrell McCoy*, Sept. 22, 2026 and Sept. 28, 2026); prepared and filed a petition for writ of certiorari in a murder direct appeal (*Micah Christian Sylve Brown*, Oct. 2, 2026); prepared and filed an additional authorities letter with the Fourth Circuit in a capital federal habeas action (*William Dickerson*, October 5, 2026); prepared and filed a return to the petition for certiorari in a non-capital murder direct appeal (*Clinton Warren Beebe*, Oct. 9, 2026); prepared for and presented oral argument in the South Carolina Supreme Court in a murder direct appeal (*Nazareth Nicole Sanchez-Peralta*, Oct. 14, 2026); prepared and filed a motion to dismiss a murder direct appeal based on death of the applicant (*Anthony Argoe*, Oct. 15, 2026); reviewed and edited a reply to a return in an appeal from the grant of relief in a capital PCR action (*Bobby Wayne Stone*, Oct. 22, 23, 2026); and counsel is presently completing an initial brief in another murder direct appeal, also a case where representation was assumed on September 4, 2026, which is now on final extension with this Court, and which counsel intends to file later today (*Jason Edwards Barnes*).

Due to counsel's involvement in these and other matters pending in state and federal court, and considering counsel's administrative responsibilities as supervisor for murder appeals, federal habeas corpus actions, and capital litigation, undersigned counsel has been unable to timely complete the brief in this direct appeal. For the above reasons, Respondent is

requesting a thirty (30) day extension of time in which to complete briefing in the captioned murder direct appeal.

This request is made in good faith, and not for the purpose of simple delay, but for the reasons outlined above.

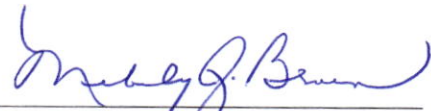
Respectfully Submitted,

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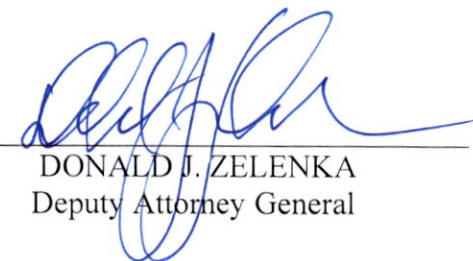
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I support the finding of good cause.

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PROOF OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that pursuant to Rule 262(c)(3), SCACR and the Supreme Court order of April 24, 2024, the Motion for Extension of Time to Serve and File the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter, along with Certificate of Service has been forwarded to Appellant's counsel, Kathrine H. Hudgins, Esquire via email today, October 23, 2026, to KHudgins@sccid.sc.gov and to her assistant at cstock@sccid.sc.gov.

I further certify that all parties required by Rule to be served have been served. This is the 23rd day of October 2026.

s/ Angela Brown

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Ms. Hudgins, please find attached the State's Motion for extension of time to serve and file the Initial brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter in the above appeal. The motion will be electronically filed with the Court of Appeals on today's date.

Sincerely,

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