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S.C. SUPREME COURT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE SUPREME COURT

Certiorari to Florence County

Honorable Walton J. McLeod, IV, Circuit Court Judge

JUSTIN J. LEWIS,

PETITIONER

V.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2026-001087

MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME
TO FILE THE PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI
AND APPENDIX

Counsel for Justin J. Lewis respectfully requests an extension of thirty (30) days from November 12, 2026, until December 14, 2026 in which to serve and file the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in this case. This motion is made pursuant to the Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009. This is a second request for an extension. In support of this request, counsel shows:

1. The Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix are due to be served and filed with the Court today.

2. Counsel for Justin J. Lewis respectfully submits that extraordinary circumstances exist which warrant the granting of an additional extension of time. Given the number of

extensions previously granted and the order in which counsel attempts to manage her caseload, counsel hopes that no further extension requests will be required.

3. Counsel filed the Petition for Rehearing in the case of The State v Devante Lamont White with the Court of Appeals on November 9, 2026. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant in the case of The State v. Charles Maurice Harrison Breland with the Court of Appeals on October 28, 2026. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant in the case of The State v. Quintera Torace Siriwat with the Court of Appeals on October 14, 2026. Counsel attended the mandatory Annual South Carolina Public Defender Conference in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina from September 28-30, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Court of Appeals and Appendix in the case of The State v. Measha Jaquetta Shawnic Joyner with the Supreme Court on September 25, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Rehearing in the case of The State v. Gabriel Dantray Curry with the Court of Appeals on September 24, 2026. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant in the case of The State v. Jonathan Daniel Howard with the Court of Appeals on September 16, 2026. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant in the case of The State v. Charles Boulware with the Court of Appeals on September 11, 2026. Counsel filed the Anders Brief of Appellant, Record on Appeal, and Proposed Transport Order in the case of The State v. William David Gunn with the Court of Appeals on August 21, 2026. Counsel attended a CLE on August 6-7, 2026.

4. Counsel makes this request in good faith and not for purpose of delay.

5. On October 27, 2026, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through December 1, 2026.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty (30) day extension from November 12, 2026, until December 14, 2026, in which to serve and file the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances. Counsel requests that time limits for serving and filing the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chief Appellate Defender

This 12th day of November, 2026.