

ORIGINAL

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE SUPREME COURT

Certiorari to Bamberg County

Edgar W. Dickson, Circuit Court Judge

RECEIVED

FEB 03 2014

S.C. Supreme Court

JAMES GUNNELLS,

PETITIONER,

V.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2013-001890

PETITION FOR EXTENSION TO FILE
PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI
AND ACCOMPANYING APPENDIX

The undersigned counsel respectfully requests a **final thirty-day extension, until March 3, 2014**, in which to file the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the above-referenced case. In support of this motion, counsel would respectfully show the Court the following extraordinary circumstances:

1. The petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in this case are due to be served and filed today.
2. Counsel filed the brief of respondent in the case of State v. William Coaxum Sr. in this Court on Monday, January 27, 2014. On Tuesday, January 21, 2014, counsel filed the

return to the petition for writ of certiorari in the case of Jwan T. Smith v. State in this Court. On Thursday, January 16, 2014, counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of State v. Latron Bryant in this Court. On Wednesday, January 15, 2014, counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari to the South Carolina Supreme Court and accompanying appendix in the case of Richard A. Sims v. State in the United States Supreme Court. On Wednesday, January 8, 2014, counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of State v. John Portee in this Court. On Tuesday, January 7, 2014, counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of State v. Luther Bernard Pearson in this Court. On Friday, December 27, 2013, counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of State v. Aliaquon R Drake in this Court, also on Friday, December 27, 2013, counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of State v. Jose Angel Herrera in this Court. On Thursday, December 19, 2013, counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Akeem Smith in Court of Appeals. On Thursday, December 12, 2013, counsel had an oral argument in the Court of Appeals in the case of State v. Kevin Bennett. On Friday, December 6, 2013, counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of State v. Antonio Barnes in this Court as well as the brief of petitioner in the case of State v. Jamar A. Robinson in the Court of Appeals.

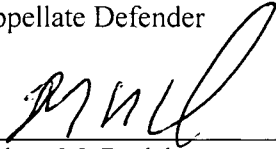
3. This request is made in good faith, and not for purposes of delay. Counsel intends to continue to work on the cases with more than three extensions first so that the caseload will hopefully become more manageable in the near future, and less extensions will need to be requested.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty day extension. Counsel respectfully requests that the time limits for filing the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



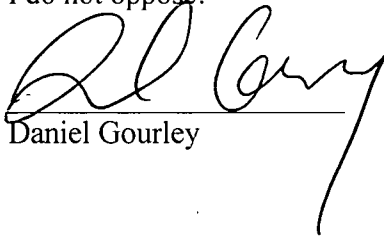
David Alexander
Appellate Defender



Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender

February 3, 2014

I do not oppose:



Daniel Gourley