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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In The Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM ORANGEBURG COUNTY  
Court of General Sessions

Doyet A. Early, III, Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case Nos. 2012-213596

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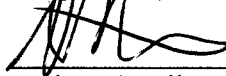
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**APPELLANT'S MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE INITIAL REPLY  
BRIEF AND REPLY DESIGNATION OF MATTER**

The Appellant, Cleophas Edwards (Edwards), hereby moves, in accordance with Rule 224 SCACR, for a ten (10) day extension of time to file and serve his initial brief and designation of matter. These filings are now due on June 16, 2014. This extension will make these filings due on or before June 26, 2014. The reasons supporting this extension are set forth in the attached Affidavit of the Appellant's attorney, Arthur K. Aiken.

**WHEREFORE**, Edwards prays that this Court enter an order granting this extension.

Respectfully Submitted



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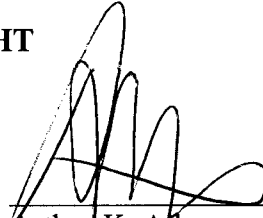
The undersigned, Arthur K. Aiken, personally appearing before me and having been duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am the attorney for the Defendant/Appellant, Cleophas Edwards (Edwards) in the above captioned criminal appeal.
2. I represent Edwards pro bono as a participant in the South Carolina Appellate Project.
2. My client's initial reply brief and reply designation of matter are now due on June 16, 2014, and this deadline has never been extended.
3. I find myself unable to meet this deadline because of competing obligations to other client and the length of the Respondent's Initial Brief.
4. When I received my copy of the Respondent's Initial Brief, I had just completed a federal criminal trial, and I was working on the post trial filings.
5. As soon as I finished the post trial filings in my federal criminal case, I had to respond to a motion to dismiss an appeal pending before the South Carolina Supreme Court.

6. Even without these other obligations, I would probably still need this extension because the Respondent's Initial Brief is forty-six (46) pages long.

6. I request that this Court grant me a twelve (10) day extension to make the above filings.

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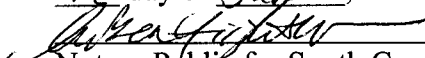


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Arthur K. Aiken

SWORN to and SUBSCRIBED before me this

16 day of June, 2014



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Notary Public for South Carolina

My Commission Expires: 9-27-2020

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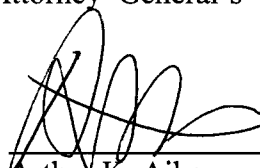
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PROOF OF SERVICE

I certify that I have served the Appellant's Motion for Extension of Time to File Initial Reply Brief and Reply Designation of Matter on counsel for the State on June 16, 2014 by mailing a copy of the above to Donald J. Zelenka, S.C. Attorney General's Office, P.O. Box 11549 Columbia, SC 29211-1549.



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June 16, 2014

The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings  
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Columbia, SC 29211

RE: State of South Carolina v. Cleophas Edwards  
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Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Enclosed for filing please find the original and seven (7) copies of the Proof of Service, Appellant's Motion for Extension for Time, and affidavit of Arthur Aiken, attorney for Appellant, in the above-referenced matter. Please return a date-stamped copy to our office in the enclosed, self-addressed, stamped envelope at your earliest convenience.

By copy of this letter, I have served the enclosed on counsel for the State, Donald J. Zelenka. Please call me if you have any questions or need any clarification regarding these enclosures.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,



Arthur K. Aiken

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Enclosures as stated

cc: Donald J. Zelenka (w/enclosure)

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