

3. Counsel for Respondent has completed the return to the petition. To adequately address Petitioner's claims, Respondent has prepared a thirty-eight (38) page return. Respondent has diligently attempted to trim the return but finds it necessary to request the Court's permission to exceed the standard page limit.

4. Undersigned counsel for Respondent has discussed this motion with opposing counsel, Susan M. Hackett, Appellate Defender. Ms. Hackett informs counsel that she has no objection to this motion.

5. Respondent will serve and conditionally submit the return today, pending resolution of this motion.

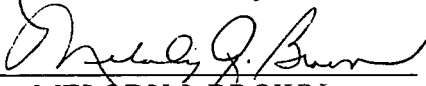
WHEREFORE, undersigned counsel would respectfully request an order from this Court granting Respondent permission to exceed the twenty-five page limit of Rule 227(e)(3), SCACR, and accepting the conditionally filed return.

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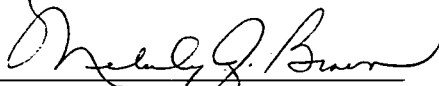
PROOF OF SERVICE

I, Melody J. Brown, certify that I have served the State's *Motion to Exceed Twenty-Five Page Limit for a Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari* on Petitioner by depositing a copy of same in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to his attorneys of record:

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