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December 1, 2014

**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse  
Clerk of Court, South Carolina Supreme Court  
Post Office Box 11330  
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**Re: George Middleton v. State of South Carolina**  
**Appellate Case No. 2014-000656**

**S.C. Supreme Court**

**Lower Court Case No. 2012-CP-32-1282**

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

The Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the aforementioned matter is due to be served and filed today. I would respectfully request a 30-day extension in which to serve and file the Return. This request is not intended for the purpose of delay, but is necessitated by my heavy workload.

Sincerely,

J. Walt Whitmire  
Assistant Attorney General  
SC Bar No: 100793

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cc: Tiffany L. Butler, Esquire