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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE SUPREME COURT

Certiorari to Laurens County

-Donald B. Hocker, Circuit Court Judge

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BRIAN STEPHENS,

PETITIONER,

V.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT

Appellate Case No. 2014-000471

PETITION FOR EXTENSION TO FILE
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AND ACCOMPANYING APPENDIX

The undersigned counsel respectfully requests a **final thirty day extension, until February 11, 2015**, 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 is new to Appellate Defense, starting on December 17, 2014. Counsel filed the brief of respondent in the case of State v. Alex Robinson, and the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Jerene Hayward v. State, with this Court, on

January 7, 2015. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of State v. Conrad Slocum, on January 6, 2015 in the Court of Appeals . Counsel had an oral argument in the case of State v. Rajerick Knight on Monday, January 5, 2015 in the Court of Appeals. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Johnny Crockett v. State with this Court on December 19, 2014.

3. As indicated by his consent below, counsel for the state does not oppose this request.

4. 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 **final thirty day extension, until February 11, 2015**. 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,



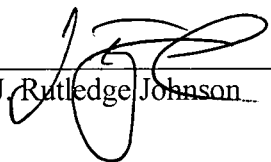
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Robert M. Dudek
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January 12, 2015

I do not oppose:



J. Rutledge Johnson