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**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

The Honorable Jenny A. Kitchings  
Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals  
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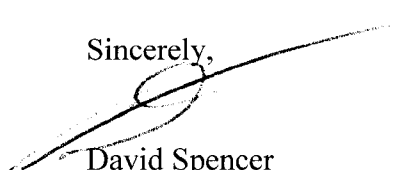
***Re:* State of South Carolina v. Walter J. Merka  
Appellate Case No: 2014-001150**

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

The Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter in the above appeal are due to be served and filed today. However, due to work on the initial briefs for State v. Nilson and State v. Mazique and preparation for oral argument in State v. Cain, I would respectfully request a 30-day extension.

By copy of this letter, I am advising counsel for Appellant, William Yarborough, III, Esquire of this extension request.

Sincerely,

  
David Spencer  
Senior Assistant Attorney General

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cc: William G. Yarborough, III, Esquire

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