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The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse
Clerk of Court
South Carolina Supreme Court
P.O. Box 11330
Columbia, SC 29211

S.C. Supreme Court

RE: Fred Rutland v. State
Appellate Case No. 2014-000381

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

The Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the aforementioned matter is due to be served and filed today. On behalf of Respondent's counsel in this case (Walt Whitmire), I would respectfully request a fourth 30-day extension in which to serve and file the Return. This request is not intended for the purpose of delay. Mr. Whitmire is ill and not in the office today. In addition, over the past month, he prepared for and represented the State at a term of post-conviction relief court in the Tenth Judicial Circuit and filed numerous proposed pleadings and orders. Opposing counsel indicates consent by the signature below.

Sincerely,

Karen C. Ratigan
Senior Assistant Deputy Attorney General
S.C. Bar # 68331

Alan Wilson
Attorney General

I CONSENT:

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