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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from Beaufort County
Brooks P. Goldsmith, Circuit Court Judge APR 22 2015

SC Court of Appeals

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

v.

PRESTON R. OATES,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2014-001404

PETITION FOR EXTENSION TO FILE
INITIAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT
AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER

The undersigned counsel respectfully requests a thirty day extension, in which to file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the above-referenced case. In support of this motion, counsel would respectfully show the Court the following extraordinary circumstances:

1. The initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case are due to be served and filed today.
2. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals and accompanying appendix in the case of State v. Melvin Stukes with the Supreme Court, on April 20, 2015. Counsel filed the petition for rehearing in the case of Carmen Rice v. State with this Court on April 16, 2015. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of Michael Witcher v. State in this Court on April 13, 2015. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Anthony Bailey with this Court on April 8, 2015. Counsel filed the

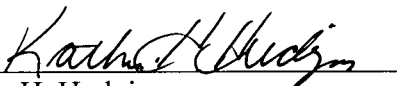
initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Timothy Hobart with this Court on April 1, 2015. Counsel filed the brief of petitioner in the case of Michael Williams v. State with the Court of Appeals on March 27, 2015. Counsel filed the return to petition for writ of certiorari in the case of Nicholas Macklen v. State with the Supreme Court on March 23, 2015. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals and accompanying appendix in the case of State v. Dominique Shumate with the Supreme Court, on March 23, 2015.

3. 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.

4. As indicated by her consent below, counsel for the state graciously consents to or does not oppose this request.

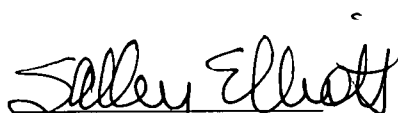
WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty day extension. Counsel respectfully requests that the time limits for filing the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,


Kathrine H. Hudgins
Appellate Defender

April 22, 2015

I DO NOT OPPOSE:


Salley W. Elliott