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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Lexington County

DeAndrea G. Benjamin, Circuit Court Judge

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THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

PHILLIP HELMS,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2014-000758

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

The undersigned counsel would respectfully request 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 exigent circumstances:

1. The initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case are due to be served and filed today having been extended by two prior orders of this Court.
2. Counsel filed the petition for rehearing in the case of State v. Antwon M. Baker, Jr. in this Court on April 22, 2015. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Brian Sturgeon v. State in the Supreme Court

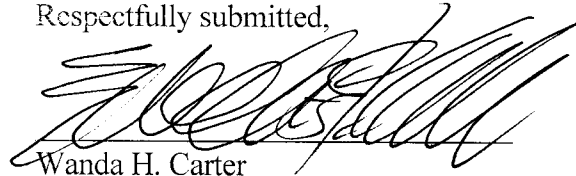
today, April 20, 2015. Counsel attended a PCR Hearing in the case of Melinda Richmond v. State at the Richland County Courthouse on April 1, 2015. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Jeffrey Doyle Gilliland v. State in the Supreme Court on March 12, 2015. Counsel filed the Brief of Petitioner in the case of Darrell Efird v. State in this Court on March 11, 2015. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari to this Court and accompanying appendix in the case of State v. Ubaldo Garcia in the Supreme Court on March 5, 2015. Counsel filed the amended brief of petitioner in the case of Lenson Clyburn, Jr. v. State in the Supreme Court on March 4, 2015. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Gerline Pressley v. State in the Supreme Court on March 4, 2015. Counsel filed the brief of petitioner in the case of State v. Kevin Jerome Gilliard in the Supreme Court on February 13, 2015. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Joseph Charles Tice in this Court on February 9, 2015. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Jeremy Batts v. State in the Supreme Court on February 4, 2015.

3. This request is made in good faith, and not for purposes of delay.

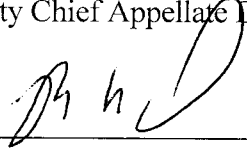
4. As indicated by her consent below, counsel for the state graciously consents to or does not oppose this request.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty-day extension in which to file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case. Counsel 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,



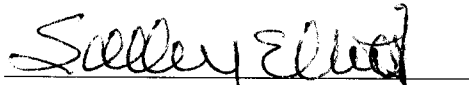
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May 1, 2015

I DO NOT OPPOSE:



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