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May 12, 2015

The Honorable Jenny A. Kitchings  
Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals  
Post Office Box 11629  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Re: *The State v. James Kevin Bethel*  
Appeal from Richland County  
Appellate Case No. 2013-002478

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

I hereby request an extension of thirty (30) days in which to file the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter in the above-referenced case. The Initial Brief is currently due to be served and filed today, May 12, 2015.<sup>1</sup> However, because of my involvement in other matters in state and federal court, I have been unable to timely complete the Initial Brief of Respondent.

Therefore, I am requesting this extension within which to serve and file the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter. I am informing opposing counsel of my request by copy of this letter.

Sincerely,

Alphonso Simon, Jr.  
Assistant Attorney General

AS/dmd

cc: David Alexander, Esq.

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<sup>1</sup> The Initial Brief of Respondent was due on Sunday, May 10, 2015. However, Monday, May 11, 2015 is a State observed holiday. Thus, pursuant to Rule 263(a), SCACR, Respondent submits the Initial Brief of Respondent is due today, May 12, 2015.