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S.C. Supreme Court

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE SUPREME COURT

Certiorari to Horry County

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Benjamin H. Culbertson, Circuit Court Judge

GARY BENNETT,

RESPONDENT,

V.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

PETITIONER

Appellate Case No. 2014-002026

PETITION FOR EXTENSION TO FILE THE
RETURN TO THE PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI

The undersigned counsel respectfully requests a **final thirty day extension, until August 7, 2015**, in which to file the return to the petition for writ of certiorari in the above-referenced case. In support of this motion, counsel would respectfully show the Court the following extraordinary circumstances:

1. The return to the petition for writ of certiorari in this case is due to be served and filed today.
2. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Terrell Chandler v. State with this Court on July 6, 2015. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant in the case of State v. James Wright with the Court of Appeals on July 2, 2015. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Adrian

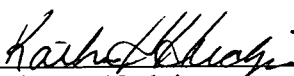
Beaton v. State with this Court on June 25, 2015. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. David Bowers with the Court of Appeals on June 22, 2015. Counsel filed the brief of petitioner in the case of State v. Julio Hunsberger with this Court on June 19, 2015. Counsel filed the petition for rehearing in the case of State v. Bryan Holder with the Court of Appeals on June 18, 2015. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals and accompanying appendix in the case of State v. Carmen Rice with this Court, on June 18, 2015. Counsel filed the reply to brief of petitioner pursuant to White v. State in the case of Clarence Cook v. State with this Court on June 3, 2015. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Timmy Wayne Laster with the Court of Appeals on June 3, 2015.

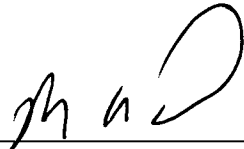
3. As indicated by his consent below, counsel for the state does not oppose this request.

4. 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.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **final thirty day extension, until August 7, 2015**. Counsel respectfully requests that the time limits for filing the return to the petition for writ of certiorari be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,

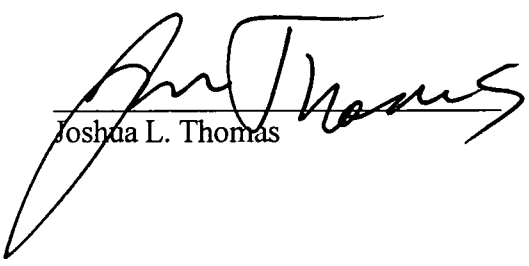

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July 8, 2015

I do not oppose:



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