

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

ORIGINAL

Appeal from Horry County

Benjamin H. Culbertson, Circuit Court Judge

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THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

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SC Court of Appeals

V.

ODOM BRYANT,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2015-000170

MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME
IN WHICH TO FILE THE INITIAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT
AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER

Counsel, along with co-counsel Reid Sherard, Esquire, of Nelson Mullins, respectfully requests an extension of fourteen days, until October 28, 2015, in which to file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in this case. This motion is made pursuant to the Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009. This is a sixth request for an extension. In support of this request, counsel shows:

1. The initial brief of appellant and designation of matter are due to be filed with the Court today.
2. Counsel respectfully submits that extraordinary circumstances exist which warrant the granting of an additional extension of time. This is a joint Appellate Defense – Nelson Mullins pro bono project case.

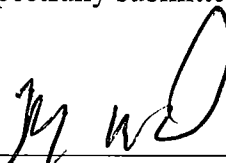
3. Counsel will hold an oral argument before this Court in the case of Nathaniel Witherspoon v. State today. Counsel held an oral argument before this Court in the case of James Clayton Helms v. State on October 13, 2015. Counsel filed the brief of appellant and record on appeal in the case of State v. Tre'Vaughn Jackson with this Court on September 18, 2015. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Vernon Michael Wilcox v. State with the Supreme Court on September 8, 2015. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Sandy Lynn Westmoreland with this Court on August 31, 2015. Counsel presented on warrantless searches at the 2015 Magistrate Advisory Council Intensive Training Seminar on August 18, 2015. Counsel filed the brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Calvert Myers with this Court on August 14, 2015. Counsel filed the reply brief in the case of State v. Christina Reece with this Court on August 13, 2015. Counsel filed the return to petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals in the case of State v. Raheem D. King with the Supreme Court on August 6, 2015. Counsel filed the brief of respondent and designation of matter in the case of State v. Whitlee Jones with the Supreme Court on July 29, 2015. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals in the case of State v. Raheem D. King with the Supreme Court, on July 27, 2015. Counsel filed the brief of appellant and record on appeal in the case of State v. Gary R. Dargan with this Court on July 24, 2015. **Counsel has extensive administrative duties as the Chief Appellate Defender, including administrative and Appellate Project oversight, and, training three new appellate defenders and reading all of their writings.**

4. Counsel makes this request in good faith and not for purpose of delay. Counsel is working first on cases that have been extended three times in an effort to make his caseload more manageable and reduce the number of extensions in the future.

5. Counsel for the Attorney General's office consents to this request shown by signature below.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a fourteen day extension, **until October 28, 2015**, in which to file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances. Counsel requests that time limits for filing the brief be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



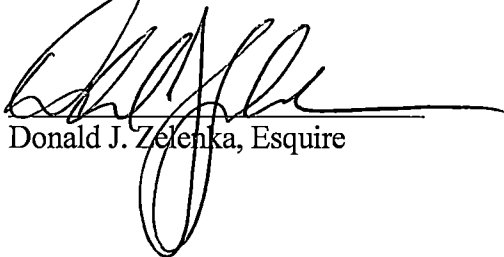
Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender



T. Patton Adams
Executive Director/
J. Hugh Ryan, III
General Counsel

This 14th day of October, 2015.

I consent:



Donald J. Zelenka, Esquire