

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from Horry County  
Honorable Edward B. Cottingham, Circuit Court Judge  
Appellate Case No. 2014-001202

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SC Court of Appeals

THE STATE,

Respondent,

vs.

BILLY LEON ALFORD,

Appellant.

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**MOTION FOR THIRD EXTENSION OF TIME WITHIN WHICH  
TO SERVE AND FILE INITIAL BRIEF OF RESPONDENT  
AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER**

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Respondent (“the State”), through its undersigned counsel, would respectfully show unto the Court as follows:

**I.**

The Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter are due to be served and filed on November 9, 2015.

**II.**

Pursuant to RE: Extension Requests in Criminal Direct Appeals and Post-Conviction Relief Certiorari Proceedings: Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009, the State moves for a **third** extension in the above-referenced criminal appeal and asks for an additional thirty days to complete the brief in this case. In the past few weeks, the undersigned has participated in oral argument at the Supreme Court in State v. Alex Robinson;

has participated in oral argument at the Court of Appeals in State v. Darius Dominic Mack and Nathaniel Witherspoon; has submitted a Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the Supreme Court in State v. Walter M. Bash and State v. Sheldon Lamar Kelly; and has submitted an Initial Brief of Respondent to the Court of Appeals in State v. Dominique M. Ross and State v. Christopher D. Campbell.

### III.

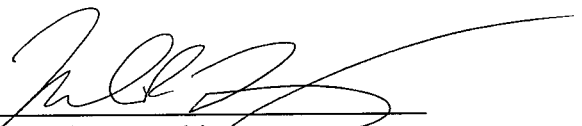
This extension request is not intended for purposes of delay, but rather to ensure that the Brief is properly researched and prepared. The Brief in the above case has required significant research because the case involves a significant sentencing issue on appeal. The undersigned is currently working on the Brief in this case and hopes to have it completed in a timely manner. I would therefore request an extension of time within which to serve and file the Brief.

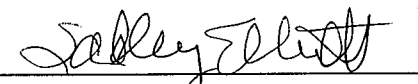
**WHEREFORE**, Respondent prays that the Court extend the deadline for the service and filing of the Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter in this case for thirty (30) days from the date such relief is granted; hold the matter in abeyance pending a ruling on Respondent's motion; and grant such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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**PROOF OF SERVICE**

I, Anne A. Mueller, certify that I have served the within Motion for Third Extension of Time Within Which to Serve and File Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter on Appellant by depositing two copies of the same in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to:

LaNelle Cantey DuRant, Esquire  
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I further certify that all parties required by Rule to be served have been served.  
This 9th day of November, 2015.



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