

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE SUPREME COURT

 ORIGINAL

Certiorari to Richland County
Brooks P. Goldsmith., Circuit Court Judge

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PETITIONER,
S.C. Supreme Court

v.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2015-001080

PETITION FOR EXTENSION TO FILE
PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI
AND ACCOMPANYING APPENDIX

The undersigned counsel respectfully requests a **final thirty day extension, until January 7, 2016**, in which to file the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the above-referenced case. In support of this motion, counsel would respectfully show the Court the following extraordinary circumstances:

1. The petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in this case are due to be served and filed today.
2. Counsel filed the petition for rehearing in the case of State v. Gary R. Thompson with the Court of Appeals on December 3, 2015. Counsel presented an oral argument in the Supreme Court in the case of State v. Julio A. Hunsberger on December 2, 2015. Counsel filed

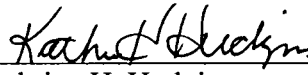
the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. James Gardner with the Court of Appeals on November 18, 2015. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Dustin Simmons v. State with the Supreme Court on November 12, 2015. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of David Watson v. State with the Supreme Court on November 12, 2015. Counsel presented an oral argument in the Supreme Court in the case of State v. Michael Pearson on November 4, 2015.

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

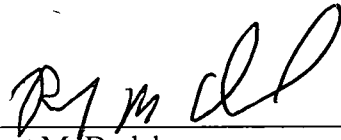
4. This request is made in good faith, and not for purposes of delay. Counsel intends to continue to work on the cases with more than three extensions first so that the caseload will hopefully become more manageable in the near future, and less extensions will need to be requested.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **final thirty day extension, until January 7, 2016**, in which to file the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix. Counsel respectfully requests that the time limits for filing the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,




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Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender

December 7, 2015

I do not oppose:



Clay Mitchell