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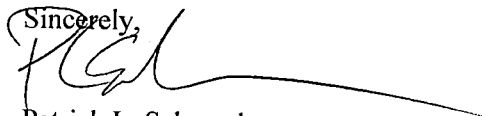
The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse  
Clerk of Court, South Carolina Supreme Court  
Post Office Box 11330  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Re: Yancey Thompson, #330395 v. State of South Carolina  
Appellate Case No. 2014-006611  
Lower Court Case No. 2011-CP-32-00152

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

The Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the above appeal is due to be served and filed today. I would respectfully request a 30-day extension in which to serve and file this Return.

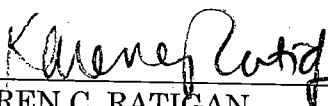
This extension request is not intended for the purpose of delay, but is necessitated by my heavy workload.


Sincerely,  
  
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S.C. Bar No: 102100

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In compliance with:

*In Re: Extensions in Criminal and Post-Conviction Relief Cases*, (S.C. Sup. Ct. order dated March 18, 2009) (Davis Adv. Sh. No. 13 at 1).

  
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