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The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse
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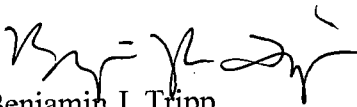
Re: Seth A. Stearns v. The State
Appellate Case No. 2015-001681

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

The petition for writ of certiorari and appendix in this case are due to be served and filed with the Court today. However, because of my heavy workload at this time, I am requesting an extension for 30 days, in which to serve and file the petition.

By copy of this letter, I am informing Karen Ratigan of the Attorney General's Office, of my request.

Sincerely,


Benjamin J. Tripp
Appellate Defender

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cc: Karen Ratigan, Esquire