

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM FLORENCE COUNTY
General Sessions Court
William H. Seals, Jr., Circuit Court Judge

Case No. 2013-GS-21-01353
Appellate Case No. 2015-000235

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The State,

Respondent,

v.

Bryant Christopher Gurley,

Appellant.

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to Rule 240 of the South Carolina Appellate Court rules, appellant respectfully moves for a seven-day extension of the deadline for filing the initial reply brief of appellant, and in support of this motion states as follows:

1. The initial brief of respondent was served and filed on December 7, 2015. Accordingly, the initial reply brief of appellant was due to be filed on December 17, 2015.

2. Because of the holidays and travel commitments, counsel for appellant sought and was granted a 20-day extension of the deadline for serving and filing the initial reply brief, to January 6, 2016.

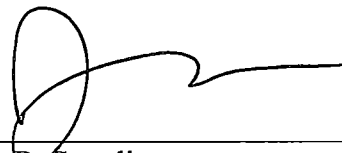
3. Appellant's lead counsel is out of the country and will not return until January 7, 2016. He has not been able to participate in the drafting of the initial reply brief of appellant. Accordingly, appellant is requesting an additional seven days in which to complete the initial reply brief of appellant. Good cause exists for this extension request.

4. This brief extension request is not for the purpose of delay but for the purpose of allowing appellant's lead attorney to participate in finalizing the initial reply brief of appellant. No prejudice will result to the state from the grant of this extension request.

5. Counsel's staff has consulted with opposing counsel, who has indicated that she consents to this extension request.

Wherefore, appellant respectfully moves for a seven-day extension of the deadline for serving and filing the initial reply brief of appellant, to January 13, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,



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PROOF OF SERVICE

I certify that I have served the Motion for Extension of Time upon respondent, by mailing a copy, postage prepaid, to counsel for respondent, Assistant Attorney General Jennifer Ellis Roberts, Office of the Attorney General, P.O. Box 11549, Columbia, South Carolina 29202, on January 6, 2016.



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The Honorable Jenny A. Kitchings
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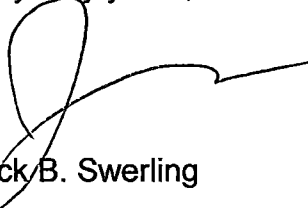
Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Enclosed for filing are the original and six (6) copies of a Motion for Extension of Time to file the Appellant's Initial Reply Brief, along with the Proof of Service, in the above referenced matter.

By copy of this letter, I am serving Jennifer Ellis Roberts, Assistant Attorney General, with a copy of same.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



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