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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE SUPREME COURT

Appeal from Greenville County
Honorable Robin B. Stilwell, Circuit Court Judge
Appellate Case No. 2014-001181

IN THE MATTER OF THE CARE AND TREATMENT
OF JEFFREY ALLEN CHAPMAN,

Appellant.

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

Respondent State of South Carolina hereby moves for a limited fourth, and final, extension of time to file the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter to be included in the Record on Appeal. In support of this motion, Respondent submits the following:

1. The Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter are due to be served and filed January 22, 2016, pursuant to a third extension. Respondent requests a fourteen day extension to serve and file these documents, which is not made for the purpose of delay, but due to counsel's unavoidable significant absences from the office relating to a work related injury. Counsel continues to be on a medically required work restriction, and is only able to work a few hours per day when possible.

2. Since the Court granted the third extension, counsel has completed and filed briefs and returns in other cases with earlier deadlines and extensions. Counsel has worked diligently on the Initial Brief and Designation in this matter, but was not able to complete them prior to the due date. This appeal involves multiple issues, including novel issues related to the Sexually Violent Predator Act, and required extensive research. The documents are near completion, and counsel assures the Court the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter will be completed, served and filed within the fourteen days requested.

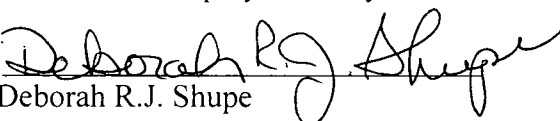
3. The undersigned consulted with counsel for Appellant, and as evidenced by his signature below, he consents to the requested relief.

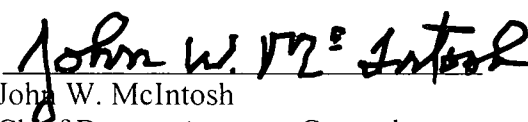
Based on the foregoing, Respondent respectfully requests that this Court grant a fourth, and final, fourteen day extension in which to file the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter, and that all deadlines be held in abeyance pending resolution of this motion.

Respectfully submitted,

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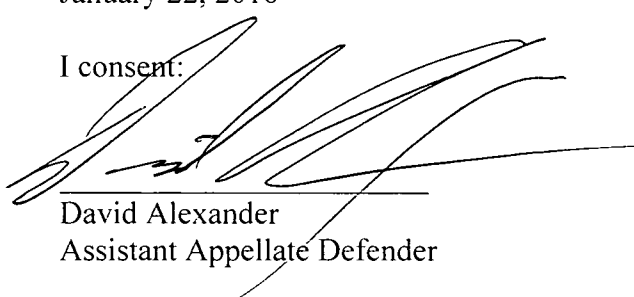
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PROOF OF SERVICE

I, Sally B. Ellison, certify I served the Respondent's Motion for an Extension on Appellant by depositing a copy in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to:

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I further certify that all parties required by Rule to be served have been served.

This 22nd day of January, 2016


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