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SC SUPREME COURT

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January 22, 2016

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

Re: Michael T. Barnes v. State of South Carolina
Appellate Case No. 2015-001355
Lower Court Case No. 2011-CP-10-0146

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,

J. Rutledge Johnson
Assistant Attorney General
S.C. Bar No: 78871

JRJ/em

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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