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SC SUPREME COURT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE SUPREME COURT

Appeal from Spartanburg County
Roger L. Couch, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

RICKY LEE BLACKWELL,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2014-000610

AMENDED MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME
TO FILE THE RECORD ON APPEAL

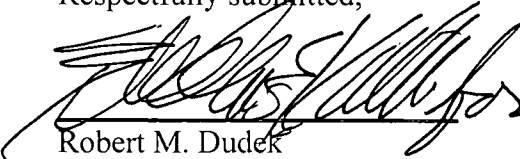
Counsel for Ricky Lee Blackwell respectfully requests an extension of fifteen (15) days in which to file the Record on Appeal in this case. This motion is made pursuant to the Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009. This is first request for an extension. In support of this request, counsel shows:

1. The Record on Appeal is due to be filed today, February 1, 2016.
2. Counsel for Ricky Lee Blackwell respectfully submits that extraordinary circumstances exist which warrant the granting of an additional extension of time. Counsel's assistant is out on emergency medical leave.
3. The record in this capital case is not only voluminous, but must comply with this Court's May 20, 2015, Order which requires filing documents under seal and redaction of material in an unsealed record to which the Court's Order applies.


4. Counsel makes this request in good faith and not for purpose of delay.
5. Counsel for the Attorney General's office has been informed of this request.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a fifteen day extension, in which to file the Record on Appeal in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances. Counsel requests that time limits for filing the petition be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender



T. Patton Adams
Executive Director/
J. Hugh Ryan, III
General Counsel

February 2, 2016

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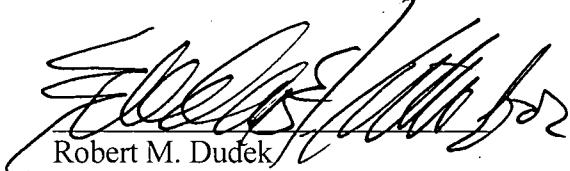
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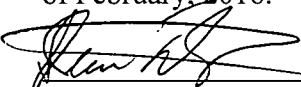
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a true copy of the amended motion for an extension of time in which to file the Record on Appeal in the above case has been served upon Melody J. Brown, Esquire, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, Rembert Dennis Building, 1000 Assembly Street, Room 519, Columbia, SC 29201, this 2nd day of February, 2016.


Robert M. Dufek
Chief Appellate Defender

ATTORNEY FOR APPELLANT

SWORN TO BEFORE ME this 2nd day
of February, 2016.


_____(L.S.)

Notary Public for South Carolina

My Commission Expires: October 30, 2022.