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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

In The Court of Appeals

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APPEAL FROM LEXINGTON COUNTY

SC Court of Appeals

Thomas A. Russo, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

KEITH CHRISTOPHER OSBORNE,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2014-002206

MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME  
IN WHICH TO FILE THE INITIAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT  
AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER  
DUE TO CLIENT'S RETENTION OF PRIVATE COUNSEL

Counsel Strom respectfully requests an extension of thirty (30) days **until March 4, 2016**, in which to file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in this case. This motion is made pursuant to the Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009. In support of this request, counsel shows:

1. The initial brief of appellant and designation of matter are due to be filed with the Court today. The Court has granted counsel four previous extensions.
2. On February 2, 2016, Counsel Strom was informed that appellant and his family had retained Tommy Thomas to represent him on appeal. Counsel Strom has spoken with Mr. Thomas,

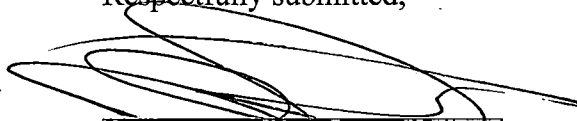
who has confirmed that he has been retained in this appeal and plans to file a motion to substitute counsel.

3. This extension request is made to allow Mr. Thomas sufficient time to file a motion to substitute counsel with this Court and to allow sufficient time to file the initial brief and designation of matter.

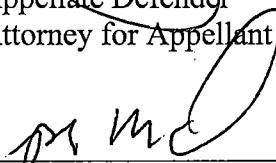
4. Counsel makes this request in good faith and not for purpose of delay. Counsel for the Attorney General's office consents to this request shown by signature below.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **final thirty (30) day extension until March 4, 2016** based upon the above circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,



John H. Strom  
Appellate Defender  
Attorney for Appellant



Robert M. Dudek  
Chief Appellate Defender

This 3rd day of February, 2016.

I consent:



Benjamin Aplin, Esquire