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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE SUPREME COURT

Certiorari to Richland County

Robert E. Hood, Circuit Court Judge

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VANDER DAVON MEETZE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

PETITIONER

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2015-001013

PETITION FOR EXTENSION TO FILE THE
RETURN TO THE PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI

The undersigned counsel respectfully requests a thirty day extension in which to file the return to the petition for writ of certiorari in the above-referenced case. In support of this motion, counsel would respectfully show the Court the following extraordinary circumstances:

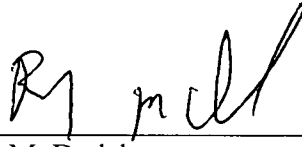
1. The return to the petition for writ of certiorari in this case is due to be served and filed today.
2. On January 15, 2016, counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Thomas James with the Court of Appeals. On January 13, 2016, counsel has an oral argument in the case of The State of South Carolina v. Whitlee Jones with this Court. On January 12, 2016, counsel had an oral argument in the case of The State of South Carolina v. Antonio Miller with this Court. On January 7, 2016, counsel filed the petition for writ

of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Kenyatta Bryant v. The State of South Carolina with this Court. On January 6, 2016, counsel had an oral argument in the case of The State v. David Judson Penn before the Court of Appeals. On December 31, 2015 counsel filed an initial reply brief in the case of The State of South Carolina v. Ricky Lee Blackwell with the Court of Appeals. On December 29, 2015, counsel also filed another petition for rehearing in the case of The State v. Andrew Antonio Clemons with the Court of Appeals. On December 29, 2015 counsel filed a petition for rehearing in the case of The State of South Carolina v. Nathaniel Witherspoon with the Court of Appeals. On December 14, 2015, counsel filed a petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Anthony Edwards v. The State of South Carolina with this Court. On December 14, 2015 counsel filed a petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Andrew S. Plummer v. State of South Carolina with this Court. On December 7, 2015, counsel had an oral argument in the case of The State v. Bradley Gerald Mullins before the Court of Appeals. **Counsel also has extensive administrative duties as the Chief Appellate Defender.**

3. This request is made in good faith, and not for purposes of delay. Counsel intends to continue to work on the cases with more than three extensions first so that the caseload will hopefully become more manageable in the near future, and less extensions will need to be requested.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty day extension. Counsel respectfully requests that the time limits for filing the return to the petition for writ of certiorari be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. M. Dudek", written over a horizontal line.

Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender

February 8, 2016

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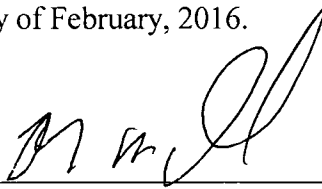
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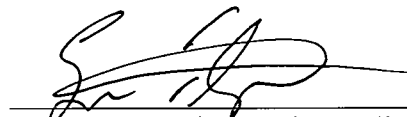
The undersigned attorney hereby certifies that a true copy of the petition for extension to file the return to the petition for writ of certiorari in the above referenced case has been served upon Megan Harrigan Jameson, Esquire, at Rembert Dennis Building, Room 519, 1000 Assembly Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201, this 8th day of February, 2016.



Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender

ATTORNEY FOR RESPONDENT.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me
this 8th day of February, 2016.



(L.S.)
Notary Public for South Carolina
My Commission Expires: October 30, 2022.