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VIA HAND DELIVERY

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

RE: **Mark Allen Elliott v. State of South Carolina**
Appellate Case No: 2015-000949

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

The Return to Petition for a Writ of Certiorari in the above appeal is due to be served and filed today. However, this is to respectfully request a 30-day extension to serve and file this Return.

This extension request is not intended for the purpose of delay. Rather, this extension request is necessitated by a heavy workload and is for good cause.

Sincerely,

Jessica E. Kinard
Assistant Attorney General
Bar No: 77889

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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