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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Marlboro County

Howard P. King, Circuit Court Judge

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**SC Court of Appeals**

RESPONDENT,

THE STATE,

v.

GEORGE CHAVIS,

APPELLANT

PETITION FOR EXTENSION TO FILE  
INITIAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT  
AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER

The undersigned counsel respectfully requests a thirty day extension in which to file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the above-referenced case. In support of this motion, counsel would respectfully show the Court the following extraordinary circumstances:

1. The initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case are due to be served and filed today.

2. Counsel is planning to file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in State v. Jason Will Williams with this Court today, February 8, 2012. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in State v. Stephanie Murray with this Court on February 2, 2012. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari in Anthony Lamar Brown v. State with the Supreme Court on January 13, 2012. Counsel had an oral argument in State v. Jimmy Paul McKerley before this Court on January 11, 2012. Counsel filed the petition for writ

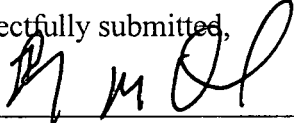
of certiorari in Damian Lamar Blackmon v. State with the Supreme Court on January 9, 2012. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in State v. Chamar Scott with this Court on January 5, 2012. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in State v. Manuel Marin with this Court on January 3, 2012. Counsel is working on the death penalty case of State v. Steven Barnes wherein the brief will be filed on February 23, 2012. Counsel must also prepare for oral arguments in this Court and in the Supreme Court. Counsel will argue State v. Chris Anthony Liverman with the Supreme Court on February 23, 2012. Counsel is arguing part of, along with Reid Sherard of the Nelson-Mullins firm, the murder case of State v. Richard Bill Niles, Jr. with this Court on February 14, 2012. Counsel also must argue the murder case of State v. Garvin Duvall on February 16, 2012 before this Court. Counsel is also planning to file the petition for rehearing in State v. Rodney Galimore with this Court on February 9, 2012. Counsel will file the return to petition for writ of certiorari in Michael A. Hough v. State with the Supreme Court on February 13, 2012. Counsel plans to file the petition of for writ of certiorari with the United States Supreme Court in the death penalty case State v. William O. Dickerson on February 16, 2012. Counsel is also preparing a PowerPoint presentation for the Best Practices Seminar sponsored by the South Carolina Commission on Indigent Defense and the Charleston Law School to be given in Charleston on February 24, 2012. Counsel is expecting the State's brief in the death penalty case of State v. Steven Stanko which he will also have to read and research for a reply brief. Moreover, two other major cases have just arrived in this office that require attention: Marion Lindsey v. State, a death penalty PCR case, and Steven Beckham v. State, which originally was a death penalty case at the trial level.

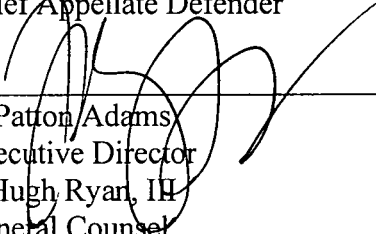
3. In addition to the above, counsel has very extensive administrative duties on a daily basis as the Chief Appellate Defender.

4. 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.

5. As indicated by his consent below, counsel for the state graciously consents to or does not oppose this request.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty day extension. Counsel respectfully requests that the time limits for filing the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

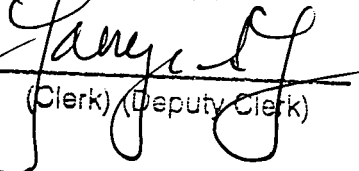
Respectfully submitted,  
  
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Chief Appellate Defender

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

February 8, 2012

I DO NOT OPPOSE:

  
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Salley W. Elliott

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JOHN CANNON FEW, C.J.  
FOR THE COURT  
By:   
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(Clerk) (Deputy Clerk)