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SC SUPREME COURT

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

Re: **Melinda Richmond, #331874 v. State of South Carolina**  
**Appellate Case No.: 2015-2016-001289**  
**Lower Court Case No.: 2013-CP-40-00233**

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

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

This extension request is not intended for the purpose of delay, but is necessitated by my heavy workload.

Sincerely,

J. Clayton Mitchell  
Assistant Attorney General  
SC Bar #101443

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cc: William M. Saltzman, Esquire