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Court of Appeals Case No. 2015-001199  
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v.

Preston Shands, Jr., ..... Appellant.

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**Petition for Extension of Time to File Initial Brief  
and Designation of Matter to be Included in Record on Appeal**

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The appellant, Preston Shands, Jr., petitions this Court for an order extending the time to file his initial reply brief until Thursday, July 28, 2016. This request is based on the following grounds:

- 1) This appeal, which follows a jury trial, involves convictions for first-degree burglary, attempted murder, kidnapping, possession of a knife during the commission of a violent crime, and assault and battery. The trial court judge imposed live sentences for first-degree burglary, attempted murder, and kidnapping.
- 2) On June 27, 2016, the State served its amended initial brief.
- 3) During the week of June 27, 2016, counsel was involved in the jury trial of *State v. Bennie Brown, Jr.*, a Laurens County double homicide case. Counsel was ten

involved in the jury trial of *State v. Brandon Holmes*, a Greenwood County homicide by child abuse case, July 11-14, 2016.

Counsel respectfully requests and extension of time to file the initial reply brief until Thursday, July 28, 2016.

IT IS SO MOVED.

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I certify that I have served the Petition for Extension of Time to File Reply Brief, by placing a copy in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, on the date reflected below, addressed as follows:

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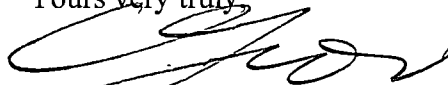
Dear Ms. Kitchens:

Enclosed please find the original and six copies of Mr. Shands' motion to extend time to file his initial reply brief.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please let me know if you have any questions or require additional information.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours very truly,

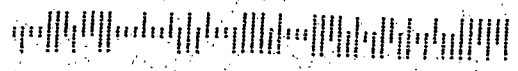


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