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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
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CERTIORARI TO THE COURT OF APPEALS  
Appeal from Richland County  
The Honorable L. Casey Manning, Circuit Court Judge  
The Honorable Brooks P. Goldsmith, Post-Conviction Relief Judge

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v.

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**PETITION TO RELAX TIME TO FILE**

COMES NOW, Respondent, above named, by and through the undersigned counsel,  
making its Petition to Relax Rules 242 and/or 243, and would show unto this Court:

I.

Respondent's Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the above-captioned matter  
was due to be filed and served on July 28, 2016. Attorney for Respondent misapprehended  
the nature of the filing required, and submitted a letter to the Court that on July 28, 2016.  
After further research, Respondent requests that the letter be disregarded and this motion and  
Return to Petitioner for Writ of Certiorari be filed in its place. Respondent requests the rules

be relaxed in order to file the Return out of time.

II.

WHEREFORE, it is respectfully requested that this petition be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

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**PROOF OF SERVICE**

I, Jessica E. Kinard, certify that I have today served the within Petition to Relax Rule 243(f) and Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari upon Petitioner by depositing a copy of the same in the United States Postal Service and addressed to:

Nakia Jones, #231592  
4460 Broad River Road  
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

I further certify that all parties required by Rule to be served have been served. This 29<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016.

  
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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:** Nakia Jones, #231592 v. State of South Carolina  
Supreme Court Case No. 2016-001311  
Court of Appeals Case No. 2014-000602

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

I submitted a letter yesterday regarding the above-captioned case, and respectfully request that you disregard it and accept in its place this return to petition for writ of certiorari. After further research and consideration, I believe that this is the appropriate filing. I also ask that you accept the enclosed petition to relax time for filing.

I apologize for this mixup, and ask that you do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of any further information or assistance.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very truly yours,

Jessica E. Kinard  
Assistant Attorney General

Enclosure

cc: Nakia Jones, #231592