

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from Pickens County

Honorable Perry H. Gravely, Circuit Court Judge

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THE STATE,

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RESPONSE TO Court of Appeals

V.

BRANDON JERMAINE BENSON,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2015-002483

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MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME  
IN WHICH TO FILE THE INITIAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT  
AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER

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Counsel for appellant respectfully requests a **fourth and final** extension of thirty (30) days **until October 6, 2016**, in which to file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in this case. This motion is made pursuant to the Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009. This is a fourth request for an extension. In support of this request, counsel shows:

1. The initial brief of appellant and designation of matter are due to be filed with the Court today. The Court has granted counsel three previous extensions.
2. Counsel for appellant respectfully submits that extraordinary circumstances exist which warrant the granting of an additional extension of time. Given the number of extensions

previously granted and the order in which counsel attempts to manage his caseload, counsel hopes that no further extension requests will be required.

3. Counsel filed the brief of petitioner and accompanying appendix in the case of Lloyd Wright v. State of South Carolina in the Supreme Court on August 17, 2016. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Robert Steven Jolly with the Court of Appeals on August 17, 2016. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Shane A. Mahon with the Court of Appeals on August 10, 2016. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of The State of South Carolina v. Vondell Malachi in the Supreme Court on August 5, 2016. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Gene D. Cook with the Court of Appeals on August 1, 2016. Counsel filed the resentencing motion in the case of The State of South Carolina v. Michael Smith in the Court of General Sessions, First Judicial Circuit on July 21, 2016. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of The State of South Carolina v. Andre Robinson in the Supreme Court on July 18, 2016. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. David Lee Walker with the Court of Appeals on July 15, 2016. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals and accompanying appendix in the case of The State of South Carolina v. Shawn Lee Wyatt in the Supreme Court on July 11, 2016. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Joseph Umphlett with the Court of Appeals on June 30, 2016.

4. Counsel makes this request in good faith and not for purpose 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. Counsel for the Attorney General's office consents to this request shown by signature below.

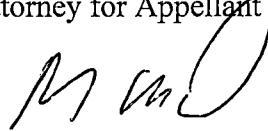
WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **final thirty (30) day extension until October 6, 2016** in which to file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

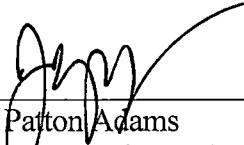


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This 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016.

I consent:

for   
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