

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from Charleston County  
Honorable R. Markley Dennis, Circuit Court Judge

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THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

AHSHAAD MYKIEL OWENS,

APPELLANT

Appellate Case No. 2016-000298

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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 Ahshaad Mykiel Owens respectfully requests a fourth extension of thirty (30) days, **until October 17, 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. 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.
2. Counsel for Ahshaad Mykiel Owens 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.

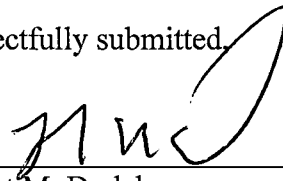
3. On September 8, 2016, counsel had an oral argument in the case of State v. Joshua Griffith before this Court. On September 8, 2016, counsel had an oral argument in the case of State v. Shannon Scott before this Court. On September 7, 2016, counsel had an oral argument in the case of State v. Raheem D. King before the Supreme Court. On September 6, 2016, counsel filed the return to petition for writ of certiorari in the case of Vernell W. Harris v. State with the Supreme Court. On August 8, 2016, counsel filed the brief of petitioner in the case of Marion Bowman v. State with the Supreme Court. On July 26, 2016, counsel filed the initial brief of appellant in the case of State v. Devarous S.L. Parks with this Court. On July 18, 2016 counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari in the case of Melody Holmes v State with the Supreme Court. **Counsel has extensive administrative duties as the Chief Appellate Defender, including administrative and Appellate Project oversight, and, training five less experienced appellate defenders and reading all of their writings.**

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.

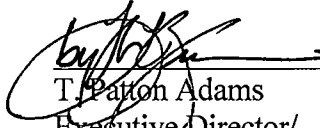
WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty (30) day extension, **until October 17, 2016**, in which to file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert M. Dudek  
Chief Appellate Defender

Attorney for Appellant



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

This 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016.

I consent:



J. Benjamin Aplin, Esquire