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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from Bamberg County

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Roger M. Young, Circuit Court Judge

SC Court of Appeals

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

LEON AMOS JASON JAMES,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2016-001155

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION TO FILE
INITIAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT AND
DESIGNATION OF MATTER**

The undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty-day extension in which to file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the above-referenced case. In support of this motion, counsel would respectfully show the Court the following exigent circumstances:

1. The initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case are due to be served and filed today having been extended by two prior orders of this Court.
2. On December 5, 2016, Counsel provided testimony in the post-conviction relief case of Joseph Graddick v. State. Counsel filed the petition for rehearing in the case of State v. Abdul Furquan in this Court on December 1, 2016. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Rodsheen Ayer in this Court on November 30,

2016. Counsel filed the Anders brief of appellant and Record on Appeal in the case of State v. Brandon Adams in this Court on November 23, 2016. Counsel was a presenter at Public Defense 101: Fundamentals of the Profession on November 22, 2016. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Rodney Green in this Court on November 18, 2016. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Javier Hickson v. State in the Supreme Court on November 14, 2016. Counsel testified during a PCR hearing at the Spartanburg County Courthouse in the case of Javan Mays v. State on November 9, 2016. Counsel testified during a PCR hearing at the Spartanburg County Courthouse in the case of John Bonner v. State on November 9, 2016. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. James Crews in this Court on November 7, 2016. Counsel filed the petition for rehearing in the case of State v. Keith Tate in this Court on November 3, 2016. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari to this Court in the case of State v. Christopher D. Campbell in the Supreme Court on October 26, 2016. Counsel filed the Anders brief of appellant and Record on Appeal in the case of State v. Jeremiah Fitzgerald Belton in this Court on October 17, 2016. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Casey Perkins v. State in the Supreme Court on October 10, 2016.

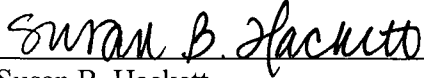
3. This request is made in good faith, and not for purposes of delay.

4. As indicated by his consent below, counsel for the state graciously consents to or does not oppose this request.

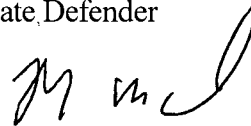
WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty-day extension in which to file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case. Counsel requests

that the time limits for filing the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



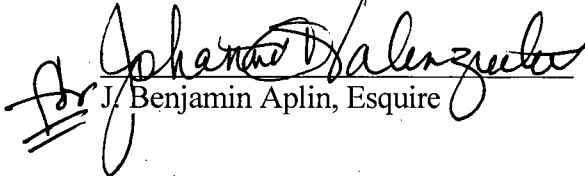
Susan B. Hackett
Appellate Defender



Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender

December 9, 2016

I DO NOT OPPOSE:



J. Benjamin Aplin, Esquire