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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from Spartanburg County

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Honorable R. Keith Kelly, Circuit Court Judge

SC Court of Appeals

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

CATHY DAWN SKATES,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO 2016-001552

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

Counsel for appellant respectfully requests an extension of thirty (30) days, **until January 30, 2017**, 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 third 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 two previous extensions.
2. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Ronald Lance v. State of South Carolina with the Supreme Court on December 16, 2016.

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Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Darius Green v. State of South Carolina with the Supreme Court on December 16, 2016. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Mario Shivers v. State of South Carolina with the Supreme Court on December 9, 2016. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Lexie James Turner v. State of South Carolina with the Supreme Court on November 17, 2016. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Rene M. Rodriguez v. State of South Carolina with the Supreme Court on October 31, 2016. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Michael T. Sanders v. State of South Carolina with the Supreme Court on October 21, 2016. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Kendrick Mims with the Court of Appeals on October 17, 2016. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Alan Bruce Carruthers v. State of South Carolina with the Supreme Court on October 17, 2016. Counsel filed reply of the return to the motion to hold appeal in abeyance and motion to remand for reconstruction of post-conviction relief hearing or the granting of a new trial in the case of Quincy McCants v. State of South Carolina with the Supreme Court on October 14, 2016. Counsel filed the motion to hold appeal in abeyance and motion to remand for reconstruction of post-conviction relief hearing or the granting of a new trial in the case of Quincy McCants v. State of South Carolina with the Supreme Court on September 21, 2016.


3. Appellate Defender Taylor D. Gilliam began working with the Division of Appellate Defense on Thursday, June 2, 2016, at which time this case was assigned to him as counsel of record.

4. Counsel makes this request in good faith and not for purpose of delay.

5. Counsel for the Department of Probation and Parole consents to this request shown by signature below.

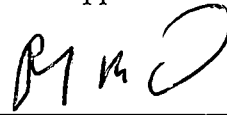
WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty day extension, **until January 30, 2017**, in which to file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances. Counsel requests that time limits for filing the brief be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



Taylor Gilliam
Appellate Defender

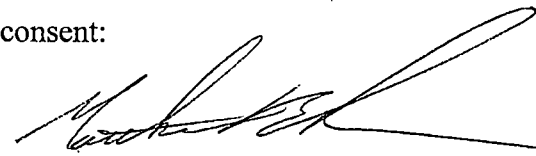
Attorney for Appellant



Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender

This 30th day of December, 2016.

I consent:



~~Dawn K. Nichols, Esquire~~
Matthew Buchanan, General Counsel
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