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S.C. SUPREME COURT

January 3, 2017

The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse
Clerk of Court, South Carolina Supreme Court
Post Office Box 11330
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Re: Taurus Watts, #324820 v. State of South Carolina
Appellate Case No.: 2016-000500
Lower Court Case No.: 2013-CP-40-3226

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

The **Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari** in the above appeal is due to be served and filed today. I would respectfully request a 30-day extension in which to serve and file this brief.

This extension request is not intended for the purpose of delay, but is necessitated by my heavy workload.

Sincerely,

for J. Clayton Mitchell, III
Assistant Attorney General
SC Bar #101443

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cc: Kathrine H. Hudgins, Esquire