

**THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In the Supreme Court**

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APPEAL FROM LEXINGTON COUNTY  
Court of Common Pleas  
J. Mark Hayes, II, Circuit Court Judge

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Appellate Case No. 2016-001690  
Case No. 2014-CP-32-2893

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Randall Houston Nordan.....Respondent,

v.

State of South Carolina.....Petitioner.

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**MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Respondent Randall Houston Nordan moves the Court to extend his time in which to file a return in opposition to the State's petition seeking a writ of certiorari.

The State filed and served its petition on December 16, 2016. Absent the extension requested here, Respondent's opposition to the petition is due on or before January 16, 2017. "One extension of up to thirty (30) days each may be granted for any stage of [a post-conviction relief certiorari] proceeding without a showing of good cause." In Re: Extension in Criminal and Post-Conviction Relief Cases, at ¶ 1, Davis Adv. Sh. No. 13 at 1 (S.C. March 18, 2009).

Due to commitments imposed by other matters, Respondent's undersigned counsel is unable to devote adequate time to prepare a return within the time presently afforded. Accordingly,

Respondent respectfully requests that the Court extend the present deadline by 30 day, which would require him to file a return on or before February 15, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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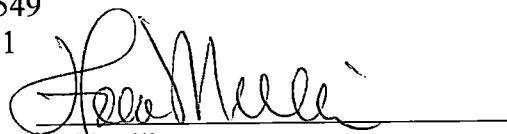
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1231 Gervais Street  
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In re: Randall Houston Nordan v. State of South Carolina  
Appellate Case No. 2016-001690

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

Enclosed please find the original and two (2) copies of the Motion for Extension of Time in the above-referenced matter. Please clock-in the original and copies and return the copies to my courier.

By copy of this letter, I am serving a copy of the same on opposing counsel.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

With warm personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

  
Christopher P. Kenney

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Enclosures

cc: Patrick Schmeckpeper, Assistant Attorney General