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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Supreme Court

APPEAL FROM SUMTER COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas

R. Ferrell Cothran, Jr., Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No. 2016-1481

MAURICE ABRAMS, Petitioner

v.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA Respondent

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Attorney for Appellant respectfully requests an extension of fourteen (14) days to file the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and the Appendix in the above referenced matter. The reason for the request is that counsel for petitioner is a solo practitioner and on January 13, 2017, I was put on notice that I was second on the docket to try a Burglary Second Degree case in Lexington County General Sessions Court. I began preparing for the trial and on Wednesday, January 18, 2017, I was notified that my trial has been moved to first on the docket and I would be starting the trial on January 23, 2017.

This notice of trial, particularly the timing of the notice and the trial, has caused a large disruption in my schedule and I have not yet completed my petition or the appendix. However, I have been working with the Assistant Attorney General to make sure that we are able to put together the complete record for printing. Julie Coleman has requested copies of the original documents

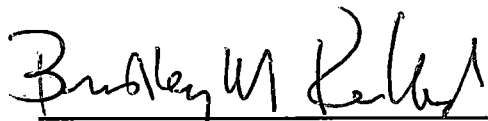
placed into evidence from Sumter County and we are awaiting the arrival of those documents. However, it does appear that we have the complete record otherwise.

Once the record is complete I will forward a rough draft of that record to the A.G.'s office for their review prior to finalizing and printing the record. I will also provide the A.G.'s office with a rough draft of my appeal so that they can be sure the record is complete.

It is highly likely, had I not been put on notice for a trial, that these matters would be complete by the due date of January 30, 2017. However, as I am the only employee in my office I have had to devote the vast majority of my time since January 13, 2017, to preparing for trial.

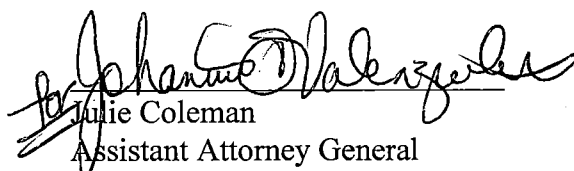
Therefore counsel for appellant requests an extension of fourteen (14) days to complete the research and writing of the petition as well as additional time to work with the Attorney General's Office in producing a record on appeal. The Assistant Attorney General, Julie Coleman, has been informed of this motion and consents to the granting of the motion.

I SO MOVE:



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Anna Ross, hereby certify that on January 23, 2017, I served copies of the Motion for Extension of Time on the following parties by hand delivering the motion to:

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January 23, 2017



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