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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from Greenville County

Honorable James R. Barber, Circuit Court Judge

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THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

GERALD AKEEM GADSDEN,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2016-001286

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

The undersigned counsel respectfully requests 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 extraordinary circumstances:

1. The initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case are due to be served and filed today.

2. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of In the Matter of the Care and Treatment of Michael Kaminski with this Court on February 8, 2017. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari in the case of State v. James K. Bethel with the Supreme Court on February 6, 2017. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of

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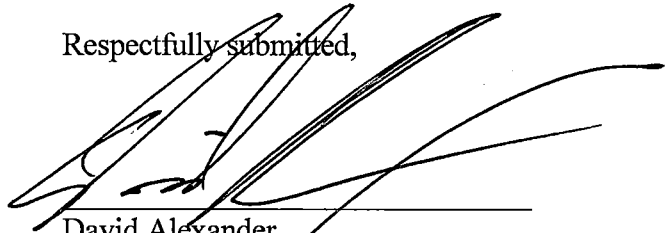
matter in the case of Joshua B. Phillips v. State with the Supreme Court on February 1, 2017. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Adrian Jenkins with this Court on January 27, 2017. Counsel filed the petition for rehearing in the case of In The Matter and the Care of Daryl T. Snow with this Court on January 26, 2017. Counsel filed the initial brief of respondent and designation of matter in the case of State v. John Kenneth Massey, Jr. with this Court on January 26, 2017. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari in the case of Shaquan Thompson v. State with the Supreme Court on January 19, 2017. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari in the case of State v. Corey Jamal Williams with the Supreme Court on January 18, 2017. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Cheo D. Green with this Court on January 17, 2017. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari in the case of Joel Robinson v. State with the Supreme Court on January 13, 2017. Counsel filed the brief of petitioner in the case of State v. James Allen Johnson with the Supreme Court on January 3, 2017. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of In the Matter of the Care and Treatment of Jason Bodie with this Court on December 28, 2016. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Cleveland Edward Young with this Court on December 16, 2016. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Brandon Hunter Kenny Rivers with this Court on December 16, 2016. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Maurice Marshall Harris with this Court on December 13, 2016.

3. This request is made in good faith, and not for purposes of delay. Counsel intends to continue to work on the cases with more than three extensions first so that the caseload will hopefully become more manageable in the near future, and less extensions will need to be requested.

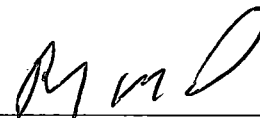
4. As indicated by the consent below, counsel for the state graciously consents to or does not oppose this request.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty day extension. Counsel respectfully 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,



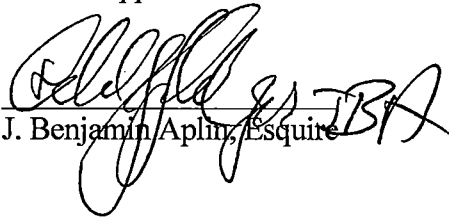
David Alexander
Appellate Defender



Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender

February 13, 2017

I do not oppose:



J. Benjamin Aplin, Esquire