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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE SUPREME COURT

Appeal from York County

Honorable Frank R. Addy, Circuit Court Judge

MICHAEL CHRISTOPHER KENNEDY,

PETITIONER

V.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT

APPELLATE CASE NO 2016-001595

PETITION FOR EXTENSION TO FILE
PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI
AND ACCOMPANYING APPENDIX

The undersigned counsel respectfully requests a thirty day extension, **until March 29, 2017**, in which to file the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the above-referenced case. In support of this motion, counsel would respectfully show the Court the following extraordinary circumstances:

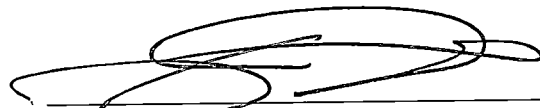
1. The petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in this case are due to be served and filed today.
2. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Mark Anthony Bayne with the Court of Appeals on February 21, 2017. Counsel

filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Garrick Epps with the Court of Appeals on February 16, 2017. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals and accompanying appendix in the case of Donte Samar Brown v. The State of South Carolina in the Supreme Court on February 9, 2017. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of DeAngelo Mitchell v. The State of South Carolina in the Supreme Court on February 6, 2017. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Maurice Wilson v. The State of South Carolina in the Supreme Court on February 6, 2017.

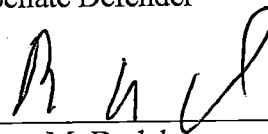
3. This request is made in good faith, and not for purposes of delay. Counsel intends to continue to work on the cases with more than three extensions first so that the caseload will hopefully become more manageable in the near future, and less extensions will need to be requested.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty day extension. Counsel respectfully requests that the time limits for filing the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



John H. Strom
Appellate Defender



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Chief Appellate Defender

February 27, 2017

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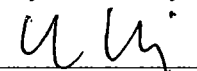
The undersigned attorney hereby certifies that a true copy of the petition for extension to file petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the above referenced case has been served upon Justin Hunter, Esquire, Office of the Attorney General, at Rembert Dennis Building, Room 519, 1000 Assembly Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201, this 27th day of February, 2017.



John H. Strom
Appellate Defender

ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me
this 27th day of February, 2017.

 (L.S.)
Notary Public for South Carolina
My Commission Expires: May 12th, 2025.