

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Supreme Court

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APPEAL FROM LEXINGTON COUNTY
The Honorable Gary E. Clary, Trial Judge
The Honorable Brian M. Gibbons, Post-Conviction Relief Judge S.C. SUPREME COURT

Appellate Case No: 2016-000885

WILLIE J. RICHARDSON,

RESPONDENT,

v.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

PETITIONER.

**MOTION FOR FOURTH EXTENSION TO FILE
PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI AND APPENDIX**

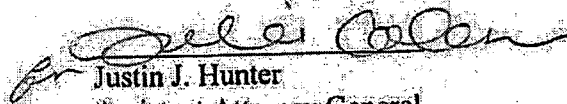
Respondent, the State, moves this Court for an additional thirty (30) day extension of time in which to file the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix up to and including April 24, 2017. This is Respondent's fourth request for an extension of time in which to file the petition. In support of the request, undersigned counsel would respectfully show the Court:

1. The Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix is due to be filed with the Court today. The Court has granted counsel three previous extensions.
2. The Undersigned counsel for Petitioner was recently assigned this case due to the departure of an Assistant Attorney General and had no prior involvement in the case.
3. Petitioner is working with a recently formed Criminal Litigation Division appellate review committee to closely review the potential issues to aid in its decision, which includes in part from multiple attorneys including the Solicitor's Office.

4. This is the fourth request for an extension of time in which to file a response.
5. Counsel for the Respondent consents to this request shown by signature below.

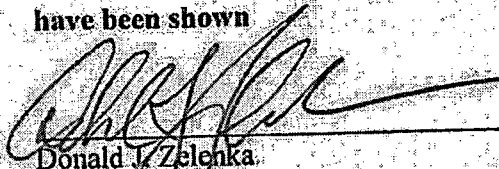
THEREFORE, undersigned counsel for Petitioner respectfully requests a **fourth and final** thirty (30) day extension until April 24, 2017, in which to complete and file the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

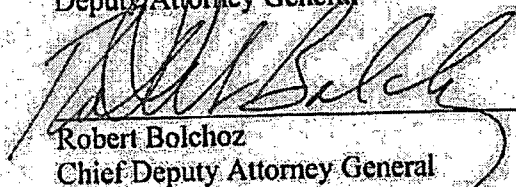


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**We concur that extraordinary circumstances
have been shown**



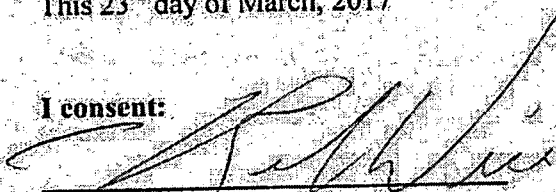
Donald T. Zelenka
Deputy Attorney General



Robert Bolchoz
Chief Deputy Attorney General

This 23rd day of March, 2017

I consent:



C. Rauch Wise
Counsel for Respondent

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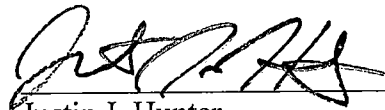
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Justin J. Hunter, hereby certify that I have served the Motion for Fourth Extension to file the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix, on Petitioner by depositing a copy of same in the United States Mail, postage prepaid addressed to:

**C. Rauch Wise, Esquire
305 Main St.
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I further certify that all parties required by Rule to be served have been served.

This 23rd day of March, 2017



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