

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal From Richland County
The Honorable Allison Renee Lee, Circuit Court Judge
Appellate Case No. 2011-199986

SC Court of Appeals

IN THE MATTER OF THE CARE AND TREATMENT OF
CHRISTOPHER TAFT,

Appellant,

RESPONDENT'S MOTION FOR THIRD EXTENSION

Respondent hereby moves for a third extension of time to file the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter. In support of this motion, Respondent submits the following:

1. The Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter are due today, November 26, 2012. Pursuant to RE: Extension Requests in Criminal Direct Appeals and Post-Conviction Relief Certiorari Proceedings: Order dated March 18, 2009, Respondent moves for a third extension in the above referenced criminal direct appeal. This extension request is not made for the purposes of delay, but is made due to a heavy caseload.

2. In the last thirty days, the undersigned has submitted initial and final briefs in pending criminal and sexually violent predator appeals, as well as returns to petitions for certiorari and returns to petitions for habeas corpus in the South Carolina Supreme Court. The undersigned also participated in oral arguments before the South Carolina Supreme Court.

3. In addition, the undersigned supervises the Attorney General's Office Sexually Violent Predator (SVP) Unit, and Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force Unit. In her capacity as supervisor of the SVP Unit, she is required on a daily basis to address

multiple issues involving sexual predator cases, including legal issues in pending commitment and annual review cases. In connection with the ICAC Unit, the undersign assists in preparation of grant proposals and budgets, attends meetings of national and state ICAC personnel, and supervises three ICAC prosecutors, an ICAC investigator, an ICAC forensic examiner, a grant program manager, and an Internet Safety Education Coordinator. In that capacity, the undersigned was in Alexandria, VA, October 23-26, 2012, attending a meeting of the ICAC Task Force Commanders from all sixty-one task forces and personnel from the Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

4. In addition, the undersigned was unavoidably out of the office for several days the first week of November due to illness.

4. The undersigned assures the Court completion of this brief is a high priority, and she will work diligently to complete it in a timely manner. She consulted with opposing counsel, and is authorized to advise the Court that counsel does not oppose the requested relief.

WHEREFORE, for these reasons, Respondent respectfully requests that this Court grant a third extension of thirty (30) days in which to file the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter, and that all deadlines be held in abeyance pending resolution of this motion.

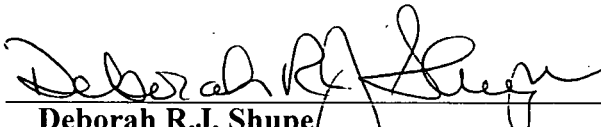
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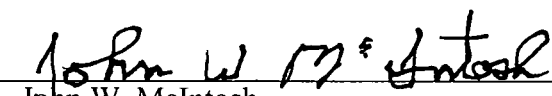
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PROOF OF SERVICE

I, SALLY B. ELLISON, hereby certify I served Respondent's Motion for Third Extension on Appellant by depositing a copy in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

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I further certify that all parties required by Rule to be served have been served.

This 26th day of November, 2012.



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