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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from Bamberg County

Honorable R. Lawton McIntosh, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

HOMER ARTHUR JAMES,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2016-002046

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 had an oral argument in the case of State v. Lorenzo Young on April 17, 2017, before this Court. Counsel also was second chair in the **death penalty case** of Marion Bowman v. State which was argued on April 13, 2017, at the Supreme Court by the Chief Appellate Defender and counsel was heavily involved in the preparation for that

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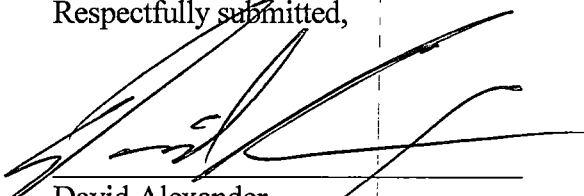
argument. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of State v. James Allen Johnson before the Supreme Court on April 13, 2017. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Lee Dell Bradley with this Court on March 31, 2017. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the case Joseph Pettigrew Sanders , IV, v. State with the Supreme Court on March 20, 2017. Counsel had an oral argument in the case State v. Gerald R. Williams before this Court on March 14, 2017. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case Jason Shane Lawson v. State with the Supreme Court on March 8, 2017. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Brandon A. Davis v. State with the Supreme Court on March 7, 2017. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Billy Lemurces Taylor with this Court on February 27, 2017. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Michael Antwon Fuller with this Court on February 27, 2017. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari in the case of Terrell Addison v. State with the Supreme Court on February 27, 2017. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari in the case of Charlie G. Wood v. State with the Supreme Court on February 17, 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.

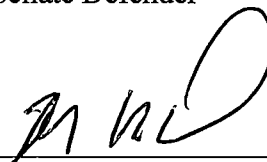
4. As indicated by the consent below, counsel for the state graciously consents to or does not oppose this request.

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
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Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender

April 19, 2017

I do not oppose:


J. Benjamin Aplin, Esquire