

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE SUPREME COURT

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Appeal from Pickens County  
Honorable R. Knox McMahon, Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No. 2016-001753

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S.C. SUPREME COURT

ELI JAMES TORRENCE,

Petitioner,

v.

THE STATE,

Respondent.

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**MOTION FOR FOURTH EXTENSION TO FILE  
RETURN TO PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI**

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Respondent, the State, moves this Court for an additional thirty (30) day extension of time in which to file the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari up to and including May 30, 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 Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari is due to be filed with the Court today. The Court has granted counsel three previous extensions.
2. The attorney who previously handled this case is no longer at the Attorney General's Office.
3. The Undersigned counsel for Respondent just finished a PCR term of court last week.
4. The Undersigned Counsel submitted a Brief for Respondent to this Court on Monday

April 24, 2017 for DeSue v. State of South Carolina.

5. This is the fourth request for an extension of time in which to file a response.
6. Counsel for the Petitioner has consented to this request via telephone on Thursday, April 27, 2017.

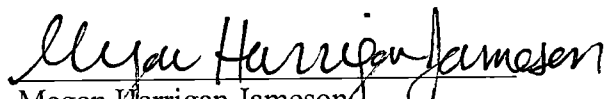
THEREFORE, undersigned counsel for Respondent respectfully requests a **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension until May 30, 2017**, in which to complete and file the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

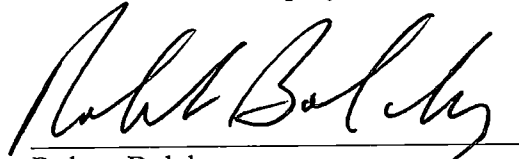


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**We concur that extraordinary circumstances  
have been shown**



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This 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017

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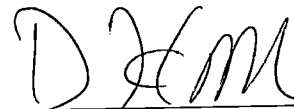
**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, DeShawn H. Mitchell, hereby certify that I have served the Motion for Fourth Extension to file the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari, on Petitioner by depositing a copy of same in the United States Mail, postage prepaid addressed to:

**Lacey M. Thompson, Esquire  
516 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue, North  
Myrtle Beach, SC 29577**

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

This 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017



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