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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from Sumter County

R. Ferrell Cothran, Circuit Court Judge  
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THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

JERMAINE ANTONIO HODGE,

APPELLANT

Appellate Case No. 2016-001175  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION TO FILE  
INITIAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT AND  
DESIGNATION OF MATTER**  
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The undersigned counsel would respectfully request 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 exigent circumstances:

1. The initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case are due to be served and filed today having been extended by two prior orders of this Court.
2. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Stanley Butler v. State in the Supreme Court on April 24, 2017. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari to this Court in the case of State v. Robert

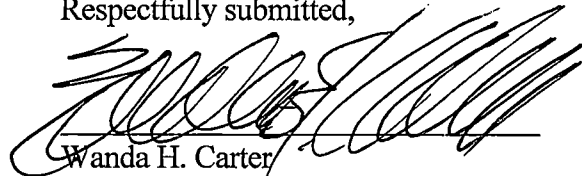
Dale Hughes in the Supreme Court on April 17, 2017. Counsel argued in the case of State v. Jonathan Xavier Miller in the South Carolina Supreme Court on April 12, 2017. Counsel filed the Anders brief of appellant and designation of matter along with the Record on Appeal in the case of State v. John Cleveland, Jr. in this Court on April 12, 2016. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Clarence Puckett v. State in the Supreme Court on April 10, 2017. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Andrew Scott v. State in the Supreme Court on April 5, 2017. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of William Boone v. State in the Supreme Court on March 31, 2017. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Corey Brown in this Court on March 29, 2017. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Bert Foster v. State in the Supreme Court on March 23, 2017. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Devourshay Williams v. State in the Supreme Court on March 13, 2017. Counsel filed the Anders brief of appellant and designation of matter along with the Record on Appeal in the case of State v. O'Bryant Terrelle Gladden in this Court on March 13, 2017. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Loretta Galloway Branyon v. State in the Supreme Court on March 8, 2017. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Erick Hernandez v. State in the Supreme Court on March 1, 2017.

3. This request is made in good faith, and not for purposes of delay.

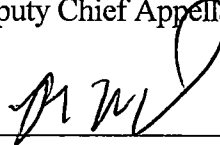
4. As indicated by his consent below, counsel for the state graciously consents to or does not oppose this request.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty-day extension in which to file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case. Counsel 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,



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Robert M. Dudek  
Chief Appellate Defender

April 28, 2017

I DO NOT OPPOSE:



J. Benjamin Aplin, Esquire *for*