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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM HORRY COUNTY
Court of General Sessions

J. Cordell Maddox, Jr., Circuit Court Judge

Case No. 2013-GS-26-05243
Appellate Case No. 2016-001385

State of South Carolina, Respondent,

v.

Heather Elizabeth Sims, Appellant.

MOTION FOR EXTENSION

Pursuant to Rule 240, SCACR, the appellant requests a 21-day extension of the deadline for filing her initial reply brief and designation of matter to be included in the record on appeal. The current deadline is May 22, 2017. This is the first request for an extension of this deadline.

Because this is a criminal direct appeal, this request is governed by the Court's order *RE: Extension Requests in Criminal Direct Appeals and Post-Conviction Relief Certiorari Proceedings*, S.C. Sup. Ct. Order dated March 18, 2009. The following facts are offered as good cause for the extension: appellant's lead appellate counsel has longstanding plans for vacation the week of May 22 and will not expect to be able to complete the brief within the current deadline. This will be the only requested extension of this deadline.

By his signature below, counsel for the appellant certifies that he believes the extension is warranted.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Blake A. Hewitt", written over a horizontal line.

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PROOF OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that on the date indicated below she served counsel with a copy of the *Motion for Extension* by mailing copies of the same by United States Mail with first class postage prepaid to the following address:

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VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Jenny Kitchings
Clerk of Court
South Carolina Court of Appeals
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RE: State v. Heather Sims
Case Tracking No.: 2016-001385

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Please find enclosed for filing the original and seven (7) copies of a *Motion for Extension* in this matter. I have also enclosed a proof of service of this document on counsel for the Respondent. Please return the additional filed copy to me via our courier.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Erin Bridges

Paralegal to Blake A. Hewitt

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