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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Union County

Honorable R. Scott Sprouse, Circuit Court Judge

IN THE MATTER OF THE CARE AND
TREATMENT OF MELVIN BEAM,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2016-002290

MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME
IN WHICH TO FILE THE INITIAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT
AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER

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Counsel for Melvin Beam respectfully requests a **fourth and final** extension of thirty (30) days **until August 7, 2017**, days in which to file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in this case. This motion is made pursuant to the Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009. This is a fourth request for an extension. In support of this request, counsel shows:

1. The initial brief of appellant and designation of matter are due to be filed with the Court today. The Court has granted counsel three previous extensions.
2. Counsel for Melvin Beam respectfully submits that extraordinary circumstances exist which warrant the granting of an additional extension of time. Given the number of extensions previously granted and the order in which counsel attempts to manage his caseload, counsel hopes that no further extension requests will be required.

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3. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State vs. Larry Heyward with the Court of Appeals today, July 7, 2017. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of In the Matter of the Care and Treatment of Herman Lee Archie with the Court of Appeals on July 6, 2017. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Albert J. Cave v. State with the Supreme Court on June 27, 2017. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Curtis Tyrone Williams with the Court of Appeals on June 23, 2017. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Isaac Starke v. State with the Supreme Court on June 16, 2017. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Aaron Van Hendrix with the Court of Appeals on June 15, 2017. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Robin Renee Herndon with the Court of Appeals on June 14, 2017. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Rodney Ladson v. State with the Supreme Court on May 30, 2017. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Vincent Missouri v. State with the Supreme Court on May 26, 2017. On May 22, 2017, counsel traveled to Horry County to appear as a witness pursuant to a subpoena in a PCR action. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of In the Matter of the Care and Treatment of Frank Saunders with the Court of Appeals on May 19, 2017. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of In The Matter of the Care and Treatment of David A. Ward with the Court of Appeals on May 19, 2017. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of In the Matter of the Care and Treatment of Daryl T. Snow with the Supreme Court on May 16, 2017. Counsel filed the brief of respondent in the case of State v. Brandon Garren with the Supreme Court

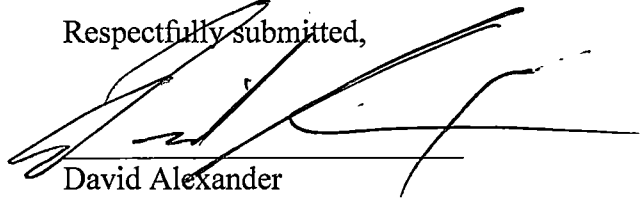
on May 11, 2017. Counsel filed the brief of petitioner in the case of State v. Gerald Barrett with the Supreme Court on May 4, 2017.

4. Counsel makes this request in good faith and not for purpose 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.

5. Counsel for the Attorney General's office consents to this request shown by signature below.

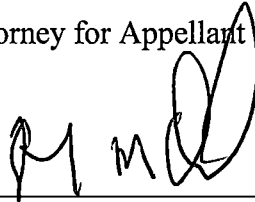
WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension** until **August 7, 2017**, in which to file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

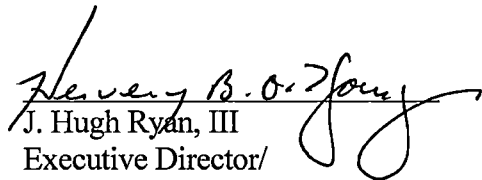


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This 7th day of July, 2017.

I consent:


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