

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE SUPREME COURT

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Certiorari to Oconee County

Brooks P. Goldsmith, Circuit Court Judge  
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DAVID LEE COWARD,

**RECEIVED**  
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PETITIONER,  
S.C. SUPREME COURT

v.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2016-001358  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION TO FILE  
THE REPLY TO THE RETURN TO THE PETITION  
FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI**

The undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **final ten-day extension, until August 31, 2017**, in which to file the reply to the return to the petition for writ of certiorari in the above-referenced case. In support of this motion, counsel would respectfully show the Court the following exigent circumstances:

1. The reply to the return to the petition for writ of certiorari in this case is due to be served and filed Monday, August 21, 2017. However, due to her heavy caseload, counsel requests a ten-day extension in which to file the reply to the return to the petition for writ of certiorari.

2. Counsel will file the initial brief of appellant in State v. Jacoby Gregory with the Court of Appeals today, August 18, 2017. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant in State v.


Terrence Fraizer with the Court of Appeals on August 16, 2017. Counsel filed the reply to return to petition for writ of certiorari in the case of William P. Deaton v. State with this Court on August 8, 2016. Counsel filed the Johnson petition for writ of certiorari in the case of Joseph Simmons v. State with this Court on August 7, 2017. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant in State v. Stanley Moultrie with the Court of Appeals on August 1, 2017. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari in Anthony Martin v. State with this court July 26, 2017. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari in Samuel Brown, Jr. v. State with this court on July 13, 2017. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari in Ortavious Mitchell v. State with this court July 3, 2017.

3. As indicated by her consent below, counsel for the state does not oppose this request.

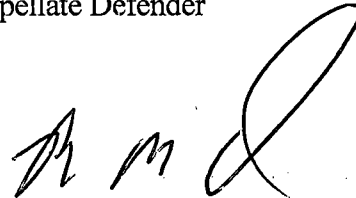
4. This request is made in good faith, and not for purposes of delay.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a ten-day extension, until August 31, 2017, in which to file the reply to the return to the petition for writ of certiorari in this case. Counsel requests that the time limits for filing the reply to the return to the petition for writ of certiorari be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



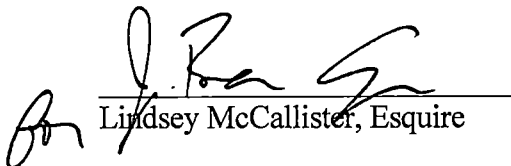
Laura R. Baer  
Appellate Defender



Robert M. Dudek  
Chief Appellate Defender

This 18th day of August, 2017.

I do not oppose:

  
Lindsey McCallister, Esquire