

The Supreme Court of South Carolina

The State, Respondent,

v.

Ricky Lee Blackwell, Petitioner.

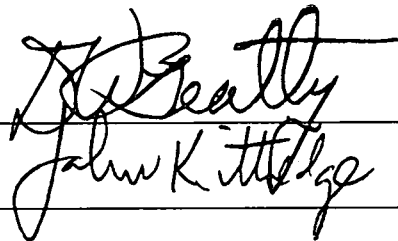
Appellate Case No. 2014-000610

ORDER

This Court recently affirmed petitioner's death sentence in *State v. Blackwell*, Op. No. 27722 (S.C. Sup. Ct. filed May 31, 2017). Petitioner's petition for rehearing was denied and the remittitur was sent on June 16, 2017. A notice of execution has not been issued. Petitioner now requests a stay of execution to allow him to file a petition for a writ of certiorari in the United States Supreme Court. The State does not oppose the petition for a stay of execution.

Because petitioner intends to raise to the United States Supreme Court at least one federal question that is preserved for review, we grant the petition for a stay of execution pursuant to *In re Stays of Execution in Capital Cases*, 321 S.C. 544, 471 S.E.2d 140 (1996), and the stay shall remain in effect to the extent provided by this Court therein.

Petitioner also moves this Court to unseal the briefs and record on appeal in this case. The State opposes the motion. The motion is denied. S.C. Code Ann. § 44-22-100(A)(2) (Supp. 2016); *Ex parte Greenville News*, 326 S.C. 1, 482 S.E.2d 556 (1997).

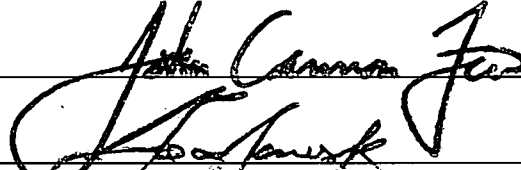
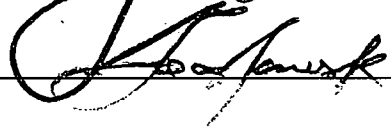


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We grant the petition for a stay of execution, but would also grant the motion to unseal the briefs and record on appeal.


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Columbia, South Carolina

September 1, 2017

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