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S.C. Supreme Court

**VIA HAND-DELIVERY**

The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse  
Clerk, South Carolina Supreme Court  
Post Office Box 11330  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Re: State v. Robert Watkins  
Appellate Case Tracking No. 2011-195272

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

The Brief of Petitioner in the above appeal is due to be served and filed December 6, 2012. However, due to a heavy workload, I am requesting a 30-day extension to serve and file this document. This is the first extension request at this stage in the process, and it is not intended for the purpose of delay.

I appreciate your consideration of this request and ask that you hold the filing time in abeyance during the time in which this request is pending.

By copy of this letter, I am informing counsel for Respondent of this extension request.

Sincerely,

William M. Blitch, Jr.  
Assistant Attorney General

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cc: David Alexander, Esquire  
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