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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Greenwood County

Donald B. Hocker, Circuit Court Judge

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SC Court of Appeals
RESPONDENT,

THE STATE,

V.

WILLIE THOMAS GRAY,

APPELLANT

Appellate Case No. 2017-000160

PETITION FOR EXTENSION TO FILE
INITIAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT
AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER

The undersigned counsel respectfully requests a thirty day extension in which to file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the above-referenced case. In support of this motion, counsel would respectfully show the Court the following extraordinary circumstances:

1. The initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case are due to be served and filed today.
2. Counsel is filing the petition for writ of certiorari in the case of Alfonzo J. Howard v. The State with the Supreme Court today, September 8, 2017. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Edward Primo Bonilla with this Court on September 1, 2017. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals in the case of The State v. Shannon Scott with the Supreme Court on August 18,



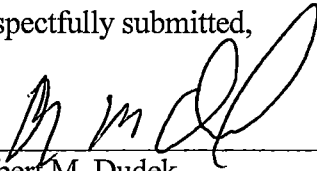
2017. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari in the case of Raphael Wooden v. The State with the Supreme Court on August 18, 2017. Counsel filed the initial reply brief of appellant in the case of The State v. John M. Ghent, Jr. with this Court on August 10, 2017. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Kevin Lee Boyter with this Court on July 26, 2017. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Crystal Garner with this Court on July 26, 2017. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Wallace Eugene Evatt, Jr. v. The State with the Supreme Court on July 24, 2017. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Kasey Marie Gilbert with this Court on July 18, 2017. Counsel filed the brief of appellant pursuant to White v. State and the petition for writ of certiorari in the case of Shonta Helton v. The State with the Supreme Court on July 14, 2017.

3. This request is made in good faith, and not for purposes 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.

4. As indicated by the counsel below, counsel for the state graciously consents to or does not oppose this request.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty day extension. Counsel respectfully requests that the time limits for filing the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender

September 8, 2017

I DO NOT OPPOSE:



J. Benjamin Aplin, Esquire