

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE SUPREME COURT

Certiorari to Spartanburg County
Frank R. Addy, Circuit Court Judge

ALEXANDER XAVIER RUIZ,

V.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

S.C. SUPREME COURT
PETITIONER,

RESPONDENT

Appellate Case No. 2016-002557

MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME
IN WHICH TO FILE THE PETITION FOR WRIT OF
CERTIORARI AND APPENDIX

Counsel for Alexander Xavier Ruiz respectfully requests a **final thirty day extension, until October 16, 2017**, in which to file the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in this case. This motion is made pursuant to the Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009. This is a third request for an extension. In support of this request, counsel shows:

1. The Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari is due to be filed with the Court today. The Court has granted counsel two previous extensions.

2. Counsel for Alexander Xavier Ruiz 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 her caseload, counsel hopes that no further extension requests will be required.

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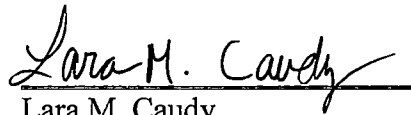
3. On September 8, 2017, counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari, accompanying appendix, and brief of appellant pursuant to White v. State in the case of Gregory Murphy v. State with this Court. On August 31, 2017, counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in The State v. Terrence Seabrook with the Court of Appeals. On August 23, 2017, counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in Andrew Blackmon v. The State with this Court. On August 16, 2017, counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in The State v. Rodrigus Ratron Williams with the Court of Appeals. On August 4, 2017, counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in The State v. Candice Beasley with the Court of Appeals. On August 4, 2017, counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in James Arthur Bryant v. The State with this Court. On July 24, 2017, counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in Romeo Brown v. The State with this Court.

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

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

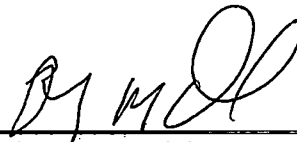
WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **final thirty day extension, until October 16, 2017** in which to file the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances. Counsel requests that time limits for filing the petition be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



Lara M. Caudy
Appellate Defender

Attorney for Petitioner.



Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender

This 15th day of September, 2017

I consent:



Valerie Garcia Giovanoli, Esquire