

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from Sumter County  
Honorable R. Ferrell Cothran, Circuit Court Judge  
Appellate Case Tracking No. 2016-001175

The State,

Respondent,

vs.

Jermaine Antonio Hodge,

Appellant.

**MOTION OUT OF TIME FOR THIRD EXTENSION  
WITHIN WHICH TO SERVE AND FILE  
INITIAL BRIEF OF RESPONDENT**

Respondent, through its undersigned counsel, would respectfully show unto this Court as follows:

I.

The Initial Brief of Respondent was due to be served and filed September 13, 2017. Due to a failure to calendar the due date, the undersigned asks this Court to accept the motion out of time.

II.

Pursuant to RE: Extension Requests in Criminal Direct Appeals and Post-Conviction Relief Certiorari Proceedings: Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009, the Respondent moves for a third extension in the above referenced appeal. Due to work required in other cases pending before this Court and the South Carolina Supreme Court, I am unable to complete this brief on time. The undersigned has completed several initial briefs,

Returns to Petition for Writ of Certiorari, and Briefs of Respondent. In addition, counsel participated in oral argument in this Court.

III.

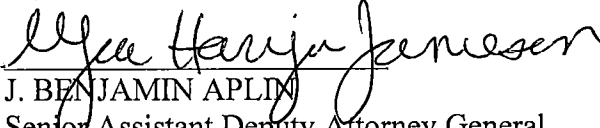
This extension request is not intended for purposes of delay, but rather to ensure the Brief is properly researched and prepared. I would therefore request a third extension of time within which to serve and file the Initial Brief of Respondent.


WHEREFORE, Respondent prays that the Court hold this matter in abeyance until ruling on this motion, and extend the deadline for the service and filing of the Initial Brief of Respondent in this case for thirty (30) days from the date such relief is granted; and for such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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**PROOF OF SERVICE**


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I, Anne A. Mueller, certify that I have served the Motion For Third Extension Of Time Within Which To Serve And File Initial Brief of Respondent on Appellant by depositing a copy of same in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to:

Wanda H. Carter, Esquire  
SC Commission on Indigent Defense  
Division of Appellate Defense  
Post Office Box 11589  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211-1589

I further certify that all parties required by Rule to be served have been served.

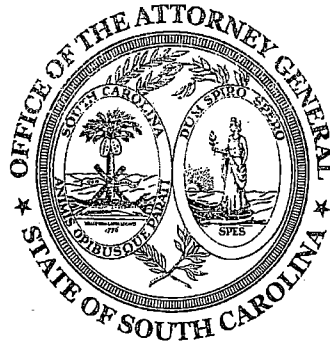
This 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2017.

  
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**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

The Honorable Jenny A. Kitchings  
Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals  
Post Office Box 11629  
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Re: State v. Jermaine Hodge  
Appellate Case Tracking No. 2016-001175

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Enclosed please find the original and six (6) copies of a Motion Out of Time For Third Extension Of Time Within Which To Serve, And File Initial Brief of Respondent along with proof of service for filing in the above-referenced appeal.

Sincerely,

William M. Blich, Jr.  
Assistant Attorney General

Enclosures

cc: Wanda H. Carter, Esquire  
Victim Services