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The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse
Clerk, Supreme Court of South Carolina
P.O. Box 11330
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S.C. SUPREME COURT

Re: *Tommy Weathers, Jr. v. State of South Carolina*
Appellate Case No. 2015-00~~36~~ 1636

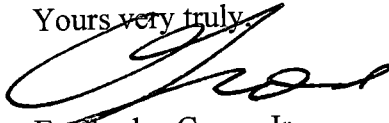
Dear Mr. Shearouse:

Enclosed please find the original and six copies of Mr. Weathers' Petition for an Extension of Time to file the Petition for Writ of *Certiorari* and Appendix.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours very truly,



E. Charles Grose, Jr.

cc: Mr. Tommie Weathers, Jr.
Rutledge Johnson, Esquire

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Supreme Court

APPEAL FROM BERKLEY COUNTY

Eugene C. Griffith, Jr., Circuit Court Judge

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Appellate Case Number: 2015-00636

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Tommy Weathers, Jr.

Petitioner,

v.

State of South Carolina

Respondent.

Petition to Extend Time to File Petition for Writ of *Certiorari*

The Petitioner, Tommie Weathers, Jr., petitions this Court to extend time to file the petition for writ of *certiorari* until Monday, April 18, 2016.

- 1) This petition is a third request for an extension.
- 2) During January 2016, counsel filed initial briefs in *State v. Michael Beaty, Jr.*, Court of Appeals Case No. 2015-000718 and *State v. Preston Shands, Jr.*, Court of Appeals Case No. 2015-001199, both involving sentences of life imprisonment without the possibility of parole. Also in January 2016, counsel filed a return to the State's petition for an extraordinary writ of *certiorari* in *Jerry Inmon v. State*, Supreme Court Case No. 2015-002634, a capital post-conviction relief case. In February 2016, counsel filed a petition for writ of *certiorari* in *Charles Vandross v. State*, Supreme Court Case No. 2014-000650. In February 2016, counsel filed a petition for writ of *certiorari* in *Charles Vandross v. State*, Supreme Court Case No. 2014-000650. Counsel filed a

petition for writ of certiorari in the Supreme Court of the United States in *Edward Dean & Nolan Brown v. Mark Keel in his official capacity*. Counsel was scheduled to defend a murder charge starting on Monday, February 29, 2016, *State v. Trey Brown*, Abbeville Case No. 2014-GS-01-0111, 0112. Although that case resolved the morning of trial, it involved complicated mental health issues and trips to DMH for a competency evaluation and a meeting with the client. In March 2016, Counsel has filed a Brief in Opposition to the State's Petition for Writ of Certiorari in *South Carolina v. John Kennedy Hughey*, United States Supreme Court Case Number 15-880.

3) Counsel is working on the petition and plans to meet with Mr. Weathers to review the petition.

4) This request is made in good faith and is not intended for delay. Counsel believes good cause exists for this extension request.

Mr. Weathers, therefore, respectfully requests this Court to extend time to file the petition for writ of *certiorari* until Monday, March 18, 2016.

IT IS SO MOVED.

By 

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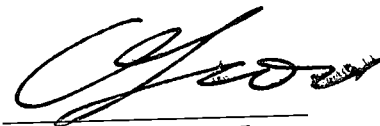
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Certificate of Service

I certify that I serve a copy of this petition on the State of South Carolina and prior appointed counsel by placing a copy in the US Mail, postage prepaid, on the date reflected below.

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