

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE SUPREME COURT

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Certiorari from Greenville County  
Common Pleas Court  
The Honorable George C. James, Jr.

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Appellate Case No. 2016-002409

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Michael Weatherspoon,

Petitioner,

v.

State of South Carolina,

Respondent,

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MOTION TO EXTEND TIME

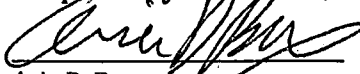
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Appellants' attorney, Arie D. Bax, respectfully requests an extension of time in which to file the Petitioner's Reply Brief for the following reason. Respondent inadvertently used an incorrect address to serve the State's Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari. As a result, counsel for the Petitioner only received the Return after bringing this to the attention of opposing counsel. Petitioner received a copy of Respondent's Return via USPS on January 16, 2018, which would require a Reply Brief to be due on January 26, 2018. Counsel for Petitioner had multiple court appearances last week and has more scheduled this week as well as assisting on an appeal due this week in the Federal Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals and will not have adequate time to draft and serve a Reply by the 26th.

At this time, Petitioner respectfully requests that the court extend the time to file a Reply to the Return. Counsel for the Petitioner does not anticipate needing any other extensions.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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January 22, 2018, Beaufort, SC

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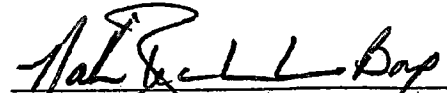
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The undersigned hereby certifies that on January 22, 2018, a Motion to Extend Time to file Petitioner's Reply Brief in the above-referenced case has been deposited in the United States Mail, with appropriate postage affixed, addressed to :

The Supreme Court of South Carolina  
Post-Conviction Relief  
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Sworn to this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January 2018

  
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