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APPEAL FROM LEXINGTON COUNTY  
The Honorable Eugene C. Griffith, Jr., Post-Conviction Relief Judge S.C. SUPREME COURT

Appellate Case No. 2017-001877.  
Case No. 2014-CP-32-04769

Lance Austin Williams, SCDC No. 00345477.....Respondent,

v.

State of South Carolina.....Petitioner.

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

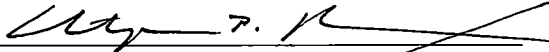
Respondent Lance Austin Williams moves the Court to extend his time in which to file a return in opposition to the State’s petition seeking a writ of certiorari.

The State served its petition on February 12, 2018, and counsel for Mr. Williams received it on February 15, 2018. Absent the extension requested here, Respondent’s opposition to the petition is due on or before March 14, 2018. “One extension of up to thirty (30) days each may be granted for any stage of [a post-conviction relief certiorari] proceeding without a showing of good cause.” In Re: Extension in Criminal and Post-Conviction Relief Cases, at ¶ 1, Davis Adv. Sh. No. 13 at 1 (S.C. March 18, 2009).

Due to commitments in other matters that coincided with this deadline, Respondent’s counsel has been unable to devote adequate time to prepare a return within the time afforded.

Accordingly, Respondent respectfully requests that the Court extend the present deadline by 30 days, which would require him to file a return on or before April 13, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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I, Holli Miller, paralegal to the attorney for the Respondent, Richard A. Harpootlian, P.A., with offices at 1410 Laurel Street, Post Office Box 1090, Columbia, South Carolina 29202, certify that on March 13, 2018, served by having the below document placed in the mail, first class postage affixed thereto, to the following mentioned person:

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The Hon. Daniel E. Shearouse  
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In re: Lance Austin Williams v. State of South Carolina  
Case No. 2017-001877

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

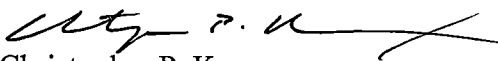
Enclosed please find the original and eight copies of the Respondent's motion for extension of time to file return in opposition to the State's petition seeking a writ of certiorari. Please clock-in the original and copies and return two copies to my courier.

By copy of this letter, I am serving opposing counsel with a copy of the same.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

With warm personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

  
Christopher P. Kenney

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Enclosures

cc: Alphonso Simon, Jr., Assistant Attorney General