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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE SUPREME COURT

Certiorari to Newberry County

Honorable G. Thomas Cooper, Circuit Court Judge

HAROLD RUBEN AYTON,

PETITIONER,

V.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT

Appellate Case No. 2017-001887

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

Counsel for Harold Ruben Ayton respectfully requests a **final thirty (30) day extension, until May 23, 2018**, in which to file the petition for writ of certiorari and appendix 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 petition for writ of certiorari and appendix are due to be filed with the Court today. The Court has granted counsel two previous extensions.
2. Counsel for Harold Ruben Ayton 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 his caseload, counsel hopes that no further extension requests will be required.

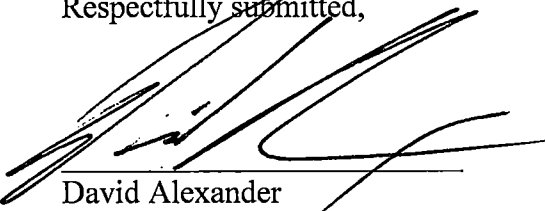
3. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Jermaine Marquel Bell with the Court of Appeals on April 18, 2018. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Antwuan Levon Nelson with the Court of Appeals on April 4, 2018. Counsel had oral arguments before this Court in the case of State v. Lamar Sequan Brown on March 28, 2018. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the case of Kenneth Jowan Craig v. State with this Court on March 19, 2018. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of In the Matter of the Care and Treatment of Micah A. Bilton with the Court of Appeals on March 19, 2018. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. David Richard Walker, Jr. with the Court of Appeals on March 19, 2018. Counsel filed the Petition for Rehearing in the case of State v. Gerald R. Williams with the Court of Appeals on March 13, 2018. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Arthur Ray Chavis v. State with this Court on February 26, 2018. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Marco Andre Clark v. State with this Court on February 23, 2018. Counsel filed the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the case of Vladimir W. Pantovich v. State with this Court on February 18, 2018.

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.

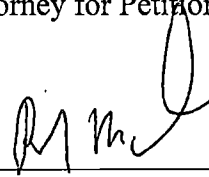
WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **final thirty (30) day extension, until May 23, 2018**, in which to file the petition for writ of certiorari and appendix in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances. Counsel requests that time limits for filing the petition be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



David Alexander
Appellate Defender

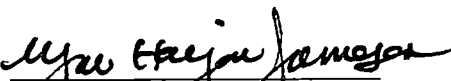
Attorney for Petitioner.



Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender

This 23rd day of April, 2018.

I consent:


Justin J. Hunter, Esquire
