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APPEAL FROM Charleston COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas
G. Thomas Cooper, Jr., Circuit Court Judge

S.C. SUPREME COURT

Case No. 2014-CP-10-03018

Joseph Richard Graddick, Petitioner,

v.

State of South Carolina, Respondent.

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

Joseph Richard Graddick respectfully moves this Court for an order extending the time to file the Petition for Writ of *Certiorari* and Appendix until Friday, May 8, 2018.

This request is based on the following grounds:

1) Counsel has a statewide trial, appellate, and post-conviction practice. In the last 35 days, counsel has filed the initial brief in *J.R. Jones, v. S.C. Republican Party*, appellate case number 2017-002583, an election case expedited by this Court, filed a petition for rehearing in *Mikal Mahdi v. State*, Appellate Case Number 2017-002212, a capital post-conviction relief case, filed the initial brief in *State v. Ontavious Plumer*, Court of Appeals Appellate Case Number 2017-000481, prepared for and tried the evidentiary hearing in *Sammie Lee Gerrick v. State*, Aiken County Case Number 2016-CP-06-00111, involving a murder conviction, and prepared the petition for rehearing in *State v. Michael Beaty*, Appellate Case Number 2015-000718, which will be filed today. Counsel is also

preparing for a jury trial for the week of May 21, 2018 in *State v. Charles Dent*, Beaufort County Case Numbers 2014-GS-07-01671 to 01674, a first-degree criminal sexual conduct case.


2) Counsel has blocked off time during the week of May 14, 2018 to prepare for the Beaufort County jury trial and to work on this petition. Counsel anticipates finalizing the petition after the jury trial.

3) This request is not intended for delay.

4) Counsel respectfully requests this Court accept this petition a day late. On May 9, 2018, counsel tied the evidentiary hearing in *Sammie Lee Gerrick v. State, supra*, in Aiken County. Counsel was not able to finalize this petition before the outgoing mail.

IT IS SO MOVED.

Respectfully submitted,

By 

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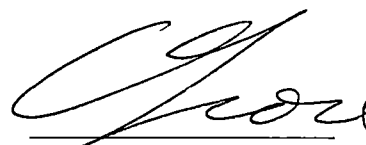
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Certificate of Service

I certify that I have served a copy of this pleading on the State of South Carolina by placing a copy in the US Mail, postage prepaid, on the date reflected below, addressed to

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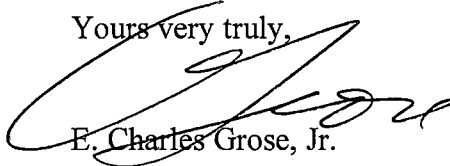
Dear Mr. Shearouse:

Enclosed please find the original and six copies of Ms. Graddick's Petition to Extend Time to File Petition for Writ of *Certiorari* and Appendix, along with a certificate of service.

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,



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