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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE SUPREME COURT

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Certiorari to Pickens County  
Eugene C. Griffith, Jr., Circuit Court Judge

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BRANDON GARREN,

RESPONDENT,

V.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

PETITIONER

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2015-000756

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AMENDED MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME  
IN WHICH TO FILE THE RETURN TO PETITION  
FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI

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Counsel for Brandon Garren respectfully requests an extension of thirty (30) days in which to file the return to petition for writ of certiorari in this case. This motion is made pursuant to the Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009. This is a second request for an extension. In support of this request, counsel shows:

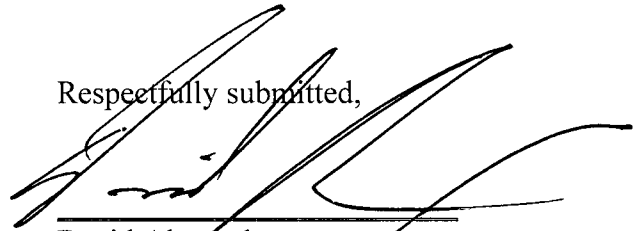
1. The return to petition for writ of certiorari is due to be served and filed with the Court today.
2. Counsel for Brandon Garren respectfully submits that extraordinary circumstances exist which warrant the granting of an additional extension of time. Given the number of extensions previously granted and the order in which counsel attempts to manage his caseload, counsel hopes that no further extension requests will be required.

3. Counsel filed a return to petition for writ of certiorari in the case of The State v. Noah Mumford with this Court on October 29, 2015. Counsel filed a petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Noah Mumford v. The State with this Court on October 29, 2015. Counsel filed a petition for rehearing in the case of The State v. William Donald Bolt on October 22, 2015 with the Court of Appeals. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of The State v. Jason Allen Johnson before this Court on October 20, 2015. Counsel filed a petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals in the case of The State v. Sheldon Lamar Kelly with this Court on October 14, 2015. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Chad Junior Bussell with the Court of Appeals on October 13, 2015. Counsel had an oral argument before this Court on October 6, 2015 in the case of The State v. Kevin T. Bennett. Due to weather conditions experienced in Columbia, State offices were closed on October 5, 6, 8, and 9, 2015. On September 30, 2015, Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Kenneth D. Smith v. State of South Carolina with this Court on September 28, 2015. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Lorenzo Bernard Young with the Court of Appeals. On September 10, 2015 counsel had an oral argument before the Court of Appeals in the case of The State v. William Bolt. Counsel filed a petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Rishawn Reeder v. The State with this Court on September 8, 2015. Counsel filed a return to petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals in the case of Charles Ray Dean v. State of South Carolina with this Court on September 8, 2015.

4. Counsel makes this request in good faith and not for purpose of delay.
5. Counsel for the Attorney General's office has been informed of this request.

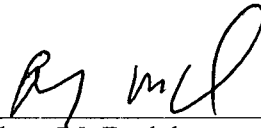
WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty day extension, in which to file the return to petition for writ of certiorari and appendix in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances. Counsel requests that time limits for filing the petition be held in abeyance pending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

Respectfully submitted,

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David Alexander  
Appellate Defender

Attorney for Respondent

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Robert M. Dudek  
Chief Appellate Defender

November 13, 2015

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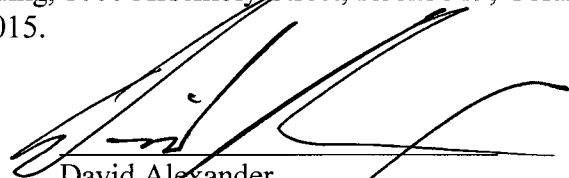
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I certify that a true copy of the amended motion for an extension of time in which to file the return to petition for writ of certiorari in the above case has been served upon Karen C. Ratigan, Esquire, Senior Assistant Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, Rembert Dennis Building, 1000 Assembly Street, Room 519, Columbia, SC 29201, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2015.



David Alexander  
Appellate Defender

ATTORNEY FOR RESPONDENT

SWORN TO BEFORE ME this 13th day  
of November, 2015.

Manica Mendez (L.S.)

Notary Public for South Carolina  
My Commission Expires: July 3, 2023.