

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE SUPREME COURT

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Certiorari to Beaufort County  
R. Scott Sprouse, Circuit Court Judge  
APPELLATE CASE NO. 2017-002314

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PRESTON C. MORSE,

PETITIONER

vs.

THE STATE

RESPONDENT

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**MOTION TO FILE RETURN TO PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI OUT OF  
TIME AND FOR A 30-DAY EXTENSION**

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Respondent, State of South Carolina, through its undersigned counsel, hereby moves to file the return to Applicant's petition for writ of certiorari out of time and for a 30-day extension to file this document. In support of this Motion, Respondent submits the following:

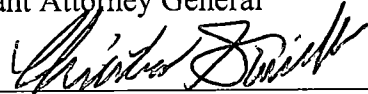
1. The return to petition for writ of certiorari was due to be filed and served September 14, 2018. In light of the Supreme Court Order 2018-09-10-02 following Tropical Storm Florence, the filing became due September 17, 2018. However, due to an administrative error, the date to file these documents was inadvertently overlooked.
2. The Respondent requests an additional 30 days to file these documents.
3. Counsel for Respondent has contacted Petitioner's Counsel, who has consented to this request.
3. The undersigned assures the Court completion of the return is a high priority, and he will work diligently to complete the return to petition for writ of certiorari.

Based on the foregoing, Respondent respectfully requests this Court hold this matter in abeyance pending resolution of this Motion, and grant Respondent's request for a 30-day extension of time to file and serve the return to petition for writ of certiorari in this appeal.

Respectfully submitted,

ALAN WILSON  
Attorney General

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PRESTON C. MORSE, #323236,

PETITIONER,

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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The undersigned hereby certifies that a true copy of the Motion to File Return to Petition for Writ of Certioari out of Time and for a 30-Day Extension has been served upon applicant by mailing one copy in the United States mail, postage prepaid:

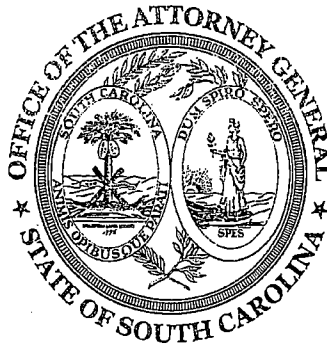
**Wanda H. Carter, Esquire**  
**S.C. Commission on Indigent Defense**  
**Appellate Defense**  
**Post Office Box 11589**  
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This 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018



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September 26, 2018

The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse  
Clerk, South Carolina Supreme Court  
Post Office Box 11330  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

**Re: Preston C. Morse, #323236 v. State of South Carolina**  
**Appellate Case No. 2017-002314**  
**Lower Court Case No. 2013-CP-07-3087**

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

Enclosed please find the original and six (6) copies of the **Motion to File Return to Petition for Writ of Certioari out of Time and for a 30-Day Extension**. By copy of this letter we are serving applicant today.

Sincerely,

Christian Saville  
Assistant Attorney General  
SC Bar No. 103272

CS/trb  
Enclosures

cc: Wanda H. Carter, Appellate Defense