

4th AFB due 11/9/18

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

ORIGINAL

Appeal from Beaufort County
Brooks P. Goldsmith, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

V.

VARSHEEN ANTUAN SMITH,

RESPONDENT
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SC Court of Appeals
APPELLANT

Appellate Case No. 2018-000373

MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME
IN WHICH TO FILE THE INITIAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT
AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER

Counsel for Varsheen Antuan Smith respectfully requests an extension of **thirty (30) days, until December 10, 2018**, in which to file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in this case. This motion is made pursuant to the Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009. In support of this request, counsel shows:

1. The initial brief of appellant and designation of matter are due to be filed with the Court today. The Court has granted counsel three previous extensions.
2. Counsel for Varsheen Antuan Smith 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.

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3. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of The State v. Jacob Hendricks before this Court on November 7, 2018. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Latrone Butler v. The State with the Supreme Court on November 2, 2018. Counsel is preparing for the criminal law Comcast CLE on October 31, 2018. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Theron Marquis Murray with this Court on October 25, 2018. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of The State v. Jalann Williams before the Supreme Court on October 18, 2018. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Jamil Ali with this Court on October 17, 2018. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of The State v. Joseph Bowers before this Court on October 10, 2018. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of The State v. Teresa Ann McCracken-Hall before this Court on October 10, 2018. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of The State v. Ahshaad Owens before this Court on October 9, 2018. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Hakeem Edwin with this Court on October 8, 2018. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Quashon Middleton v. The State with the Supreme Court on October 4, 2018. Counsel attended and presented on case law update at the Public Defender Convention in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina from September 24-26, 2018. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Christopher Michael Jackson with this Court on September 19, 2018. **Counsel has extensive administrative duties as the Chief Appellate Defender, including administrative and Appellate Project oversight, and training two less experienced appellate defenders.**

4. Counsel makes this request in good faith and not for purpose of delay. Counsel intends to continue to work on the cases with more than three extensions first so that the caseload will hopefully become more manageable in the near future, and less extensions will need to be requested.

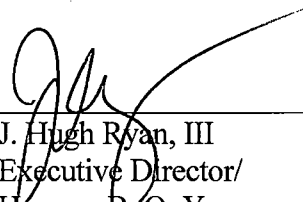
5. Counsel for the Attorney General's office consents to this request shown by signature below.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **thirty (30) day extension, until December 10, 2018**, in which to file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances. Counsel requests that time limits for filing the brief be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



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This 9th day of November, 2018.

I consent:


J. Benjamin Apkin, Esquire