

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM AIKEN COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas

Doyet A. Early, III, Circuit Court Judge

Case No. 2013-CP-02-01005
Appellate Case No. 2018-000527

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In the Matter of the Care and Treatment of:

Richard D. Ridley..... Appellant

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

The Appellant, Richard Ridley, hereby moves, in accordance with Rule 210 and 240 SCACR, for a twenty-five (25) day extension of time to and serve a copy of the Record on Appeal on the Respondent. This extension will extend the above deadline from May 27, 2019 to June 21, 2019. In support of this Motion, the Appellant relies on the attached Affidavit of Counsel. Respondent consents to the entry of an order granting this motion.

WHEREFORE, the Appellant prays that this Court enter an order granting this extension.


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AFFIDAVIT OF ARTHUR K. AIKEN

The undersigned, Arthur K. Aiken, personally appearing before me and having been duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am over 18 years old, of sound mind and otherwise fully competent to make a statement under oath.
2. I have first-hand knowledge of all matters stated in this Affidavit with the exception of those matters stated on information and belief and, as to those matters stated on information and belief, I reasonably believe them to be true.
3. I am a lawyer in practice with my wife, Annie Bea Hightower, who represents the Appellant in the above sexually violent predator appeal.
4. Although my wife is counsel of record on this appeal, I have been doing all of the work on it.
5. The service of the Record on Appeal in this case was due on May 27, 2019, and I missed this deadline.
6. I have contracts with the South Carolina Commission on Indigent Defense to take

criminal cases from Kershaw and Richland Counties and to take post-conviction relief cases from, Aiken, Orangeburg, and Fairfield Counties.


6. Over the past few months, I have had an unusually large number of appointments, and the appointments that I have received have involved very serious charges and many of them required immediate attention.

7. This unusually large workload led to my missing the above deadline.

8. I apologize for missing this deadline, and I assure you that I meant no disrespect to this Court.

9. The Record on Appeal is being served on counsel for the State today.

FURTHER YOUR AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT



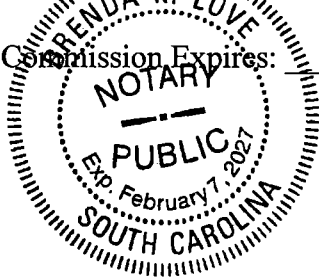
Arthur K. Aiken

SWORN to and SUBSCRIBED before me this

21st day of June, 2019

Brenda K. Love
Notary Public for South Carolina

My Commission Expires: _____



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PROOF OF SERVICE

I certify that I have served the Appellant's Motion for Extension of Time to Serve the Record Appeal on Respondent's counsel by hand delivering a copy of the above to Deborah Shupe, Criminal Appeals, Office of the S.C. Attorney General, Rembert Dennis Building, 1000 Assembly St., Rm. 519 Columbia, SC 29201 on June 21, 2019.



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VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings
Clerk of Court
South Carolina Court of Appeals
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Re: In the Matter of Richard Ridley
CA No: 2018-000527
Circuit Court Case No.: 2013-CP-02-1005

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

I have enclosed the original and seven (7) copies of the Appellant's Motion for Extension of Time to Serve Record on Appeal. Please file the original, forward the six copies to the Court, and return the extra file stamped copy to me by my courier.

By copy of this letter hand delivered, I have served the Motion on Respondent's counsel. I invite you and Respondent's counsel to call or email me if you have any questions about the enclosed.

Thank you for your help

Sincerely,



A. Bea Hightower
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Enclosures

cc: Deborah R.J. Shupe, S.C. Attorney General's office (via hand delivery)