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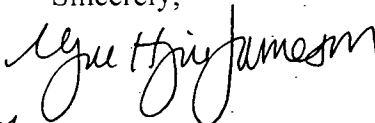
The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse
Supreme Court of South Carolina
Post Office Box 11330
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Re: Christopher Hampton v. State of South Carolina
Appellate Case No. 2017-002374
Lower Court Case No. 2014-CP-42-1197

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

The Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari Pursuant to Austin v. State in the above appeal is due to be served and filed on today's date. However, I respectfully request a first 30-day extension to serve and file this Return from today's date. This extension request is not intended for the purpose of delay. Rather, this extension request is necessitated by a heavy workload.

Sincerely,

for 

Johnny E. James Jr.
Assistant Attorney General
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cc: Wanda H. Carter, Esquire