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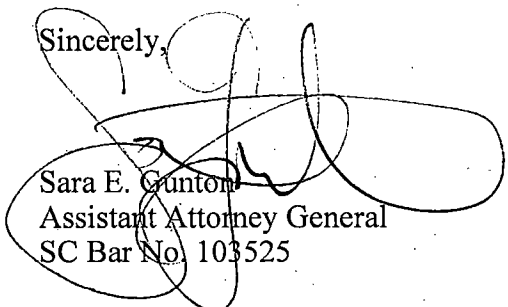
SC Court of Appeals

Re: Stephen Francois v. State of South Carolina
Appellate Case No. 2018-002016
Lower Court Case No. 2015-CP-10-04723

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

The Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari 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,


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cc: Taylor D. Gilliam, Esquire