

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE SUPREME COURT

Certiorari to Spartanburg County
Larry B. Hyman, Jr., Circuit Court Judge
Roger L. Couch, Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No. 2017-002374

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Christopher Hampton,

Petitioner,

v.

State of South Carolina,

Respondent.

**MOTION FOR FOURTH EXTENSION TO FILE
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PURSUANT TO AUSTIN V. STATE**

Respondent, the State, moves this Court for an additional thirty (30) day extension of time in which to file the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari. This is Respondent's fourth request for an extension of time in which to file the petition. In support of the request, undersigned counsel would respectfully show the Court:

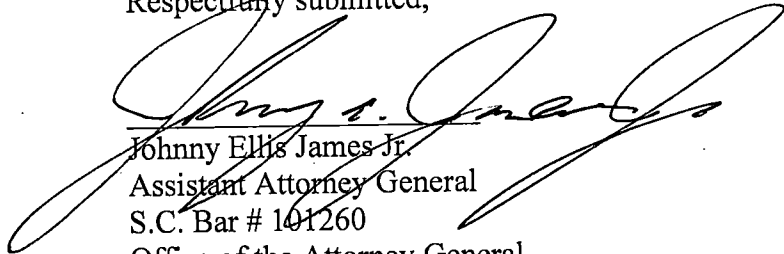
1. The Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari is due to be filed with the Court on Wednesday, October 16, 2019. The Court has granted Respondent three previous extensions.
2. This is the fourth request for an extension of time in which to file a response.
3. Respondent is unable to complete the return to petition for writ of certiorari pursuant to Austin v. State, due to an extremely heavy workload, in addition to severe disruptions

this week, to wit:

- a. Counsel was in Court in Georgetown and Conway, South Carolina, the entirety of the week of October 7-11, 2019, attending to a term of post-conviction relief before the Honorable William H. Seals, Jr.;
 - b. Counsel during that term discovered that his laptop was suffering a severe hardware failure in the form of a swollen battery, such that it had to be surrendered to the Information Technology division of the South Carolina Attorney General's Office late in the afternoon on Monday, October 14, 2019;
 - c. Counsel attended to matters before the State Grand Jury on Tuesday, October 15, 2019;
 - d. Counsel was provided a new laptop and completed setup of the machine today, Wednesday, October 16, 2019;
 - e. While rapidly working on completing drafts of returns for the present matter as well as Sammy Scarborough v. State, and subsequent to a precautionary inquiry for consent from opposing counsel, Counsel discovered multiple voicemails from his mother indicating she has suffered a suspected **stroke** and is being transported to a local hospital;
 - f. Counsel's ability to maintain focus upon the subject case and complete the filing today is now emotionally foreclosed;
 - g. Additionally, Counsel has committed the previous three months to an extraordinary workload of matters arising out of the 4th, 5th, 7th, and 15th Judicial Circuits, including no less than four appellate filings in the last month or so. Greater specificity can be provided upon request.
4. Counsel for the Petitioner consents to this request shown by attached e-mail.



This extension request is not intended for purposes of delay, but rather to ensure that the return is properly researched and prepared, and not unnecessarily burdened by the personal emotional excess of the drafter. THEREFORE, undersigned counsel for Respondent respectfully requests a **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension** until **Friday, November 15, 2019**, or other such time the Court deems appropriate, in which to complete and file the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari Pursuant to Austin v. State in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,



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We concur that extraordinary circumstances have been shown


DONALD J. ZELENIKA
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Chief Deputy Attorney General

This 16th day of October, 2019

Johnny James

From: Carter, Wanda <WCarter@sccid.sc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 16, 2019 11:51 AM
To: Johnny James
Subject: RE: [External] Christopher Hampton (ACNo. 2017-002374) - Extension Request

Oh, no problem...no objection from me...anytime☺
Wanda

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Sent: Wednesday, October 16, 2019 11:31 AM
To: Carter, Wanda <WCarter@sccid.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Christopher Hampton (ACNo. 2017-002374) - Extension Request

Wanda,

I've started writing the State's return, but I only just got my new computer set up after I had to surrender the last one to IT due to a swelling battery (a real fire hazard). I'm still getting all my usual research bookmarks and Westlaw reconfigured, so I do not think I can finish this today. Would you object if I requested a 4th Extension?

Kind regards,

Johnny E. James Jr.
803.734.3737

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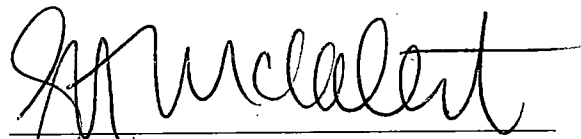
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Lindsey A. McCallister, hereby certify that I have served the Motion for Fourth Extension to file the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari, on Petitioner by direct courier delivery to:

Wanda H. Carter
South Carolina Commission on Indigent Defense
P.O. Box 11589
Columbia, South Carolina 29211-1589

I further certify that all parties required by Rule to be served have been served.

This 16th day of October, 2019.



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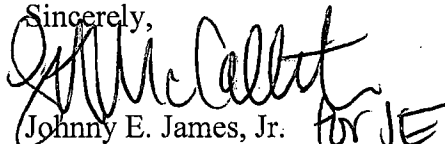
The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse
Clerk of Court — SC Supreme Court
Post Office Box 11330
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

RE: Christopher Hampton v. State of South Carolina
Appellate Case No.: 2017-002374

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

Enclosed please find the original and six copies of the **Motion for Fourth Extension to File Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari** in the above matter for filing. Please let me know if anything additional is needed.

Sincerely,


Johnny E. James, Jr. for JEJ
Assistant Attorney General
S.C. Bar # 101260

JEJ/my
Enclosures

cc: Wanda H. Carter, Esquire