

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

ORIGINAL

Appeal from Florence County
Honorable Thomas A. Russo, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

NIKKI GIOVANNI ECHOLS,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2019-000561

PETITION FOR EXTENSION TO FILE
INITIAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT AND
DESIGNATION OF MATTER

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The undersigned counsel respectfully requests a thirty day extension in which to file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the above-referenced case. In support of this motion, counsel would respectfully show the Court the following extraordinary circumstances:

1. The Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in this case are due to be served and filed today.
2. Counsel filed the Anders brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Leslie Martin with this Court on October 18, 2019. Counsel filed the Anders brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Billy Christopher Whitmire with this Court on October 16, 2019. Counsel filed the brief of petitioner and

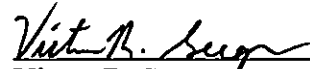
accompanying appendix in the case of Larry J. Tyler v. The State with this Court on October 7, 2019. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Marvin Watson v. The State with the Supreme Court on October 3, 2019. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Charles Myers v. The State with the Supreme Court on September 16, 2019. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Travis Lamont Gathers with this Court on September 13, 2019. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Ryais Ryche Rivers v. The State with the Supreme Court on August 27, 2019. Counsel filed the Anders brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. James Michael Brooks with this Court on August 27, 2019. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Michael F. Wiggleton v. The State with the Supreme Court on August 27, 2019. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Ivan Lamar Tyrell Harris with this Court on August 21, 2019.

3. This request is made in good faith, and not for purposes 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.

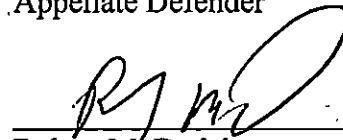
4. Counsel for the state graciously consents to or does not oppose this request.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty day extension. Counsel respectfully requests that the time limits for filing the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



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This 23rd day of October, 2019.