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APPEAL FROM LEXINGTON COUNTY S.C. SUPREME COURT
The Honorable Eugene C. Griffith, Jr., Post-Conviction Relief Judge

Appellate Case No. 2017-001877.
Case No. 2014-CP-32-04769

Lance Austin Williams, SCDC No. 00345477.....Respondent,

v.

State of South Carolina.....Petitioner.

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

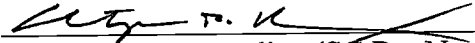
Respondent Lance Austin Williams moves the Court to extend his time to file a brief in response to the brief of the Petitioner.

The State served its brief on November 4, 2019. Rule 243(j) of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules requires a response within 30 days; however, the Court’s Order in In Re: Extension in Criminal and Post-Conviction Relief Cases provides that “One extension of up to thirty (30) days each may be granted for any stage of the appellate proceeding without a showing of good cause.” See id. at ¶ 1, Davis Adv. Sh. No. 13 at 1 (S.C. March 18, 2009). Respondent has not previously sought additional time to file a responsive brief. Moreover, after two extensions, the State filed a 53-page document that requires some time for Respondent’s counsel to prepare an adequate response. Respondent’s counsel have briefing and trial obligations, including a December

9 murder trial, that prevent them for focusing solely on this matter and Respondent's undersigned counsel will be out of the country for seven (7) days during the week of the Thanksgiving holiday due to a longstanding family vacation.

Accordingly, Respondent respectfully requests that the Court extend his deadline to file a responsive brief by 30 days until on or before January 3, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,


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I, Holli Miller, paralegal to the attorney for the Respondent, Richard A. Harpootlian, P.A., with offices at 1410 Laurel Street, Post Office Box 1090, Columbia, South Carolina 29202, certify that on November 19, 2019, served by having the below document placed in the mail, first class postage affixed thereto, to the following mentioned person:

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In re: Lance Austin Williams v. State of South Carolina
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Dear Mr. Shearouse:

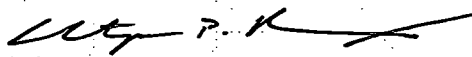
Enclosed please find the original and eight copies of Respondent's motion for extension of time in this matter. Please clock-in the original and copies and return the extra copies to my courier.

By copy of this letter, I am serving opposing counsel with a copy of the same.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

With warm personal regards, I am

Sincerely,


Christopher P. Kenney

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Enclosures

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