

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

ORIGINAL

Appeal from Aiken County

Honorable R. Lawton McIntosh, Circuit Court Judge

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THE STATE,

RESPONDENT, **SC Court of Appeals**

V.

CHRISTOPHER NEAL MORRIS,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2019-000853

MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME
IN WHICH TO FILE THE INITIAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT
AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER

Counsel for Christopher Neal Morris respectfully requests an extension of a **final thirty (30) days, until February 5, 2020**, in which to file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in this case. This motion is made pursuant to the Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009. This is a fourth request for an extension. In support of this request, counsel shows:

1. The initial brief of appellant and designation of matter are due to be filed with the Court today. The Court has granted counsel three previous extensions.
2. Counsel for Christopher Neal Morris respectfully submits that extraordinary circumstances exist which warrant the granting of an additional extension of time. Given the

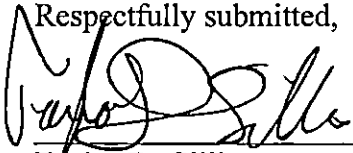
number of extensions previously granted and the order in which counsel attempts to manage her caseload, counsel hopes that no further extension requests will be required.

3. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Hector Villafuerte v. The State with the Supreme Court on January 6, 2020. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Lamont Seldon with the Court of Appeals on January 2, 2020. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Seandrea Johnson v. The State with the Supreme Court on December 23, 2019. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Jeffrey Brown v. The State with the Supreme Court on December 20, 2019. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Phillip Lowery with the Court of Appeals on December 16, 2019. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of The State v. Samuel Alexander before the Supreme Court on December 11, 2019. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Tyquin Jenkins with the Court of Appeals on December 2, 2019. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Quantae Priest v. The State with the Supreme Court on November 25, 2019. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Jeff Chestnut v. The State with the Supreme Court on November 12, 2019. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Joseph Brown with the Court of Appeals on November 4, 2019.

4. Counsel makes this request in good faith and not for purpose 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.

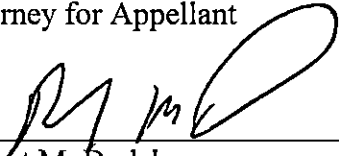
5. Counsel for the office of Probation, Parole, and Pardon Services consented to this request via electronic mail.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **final thirty (30) days, until February 5, 2020** in which to file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances.

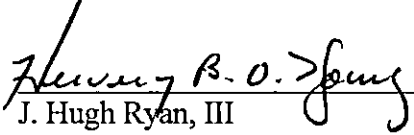
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This 6th day of January, 2020.