

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from Aiken County  
Clifton Newman, Circuit Court Judge  
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THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

v.

ANTONIO DEAUNTE SIMPKINS,

APPELLANT.

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2019-000656

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MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME  
TO FILE THE INITIAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT  
AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER  
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Counsel for Antonio Deaunte Simpkins respectfully requests a **final five (5) day extension until Wednesday, February 26, 2020**, in which to file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the above-referenced case. This motion is made pursuant to the Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009. In support of this request, counsel shows:

1. The initial brief of appellant and designation of matter are due to be served and filed with the Court today.
2. Counsel for Antonio Deaunte Simpkins respectfully submits that extraordinary circumstances exist which warrant the granting of an additional extension requests of time. **Counsel requests this short extension in order to complete his work on this 562 page**

**murder case with a video statement (and motion regarding same) in which the defendant received a life sentence. Given the number of extensions previously granted and the order in which counsel attempts to manage his caseload, counsel hopes that no further extension requests will be required.**

3. Counsel filed the brief of respondent in the case of The State v. John Kenneth Massey with the Supreme Court on February 20, 2020. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of The State v. Robin Renee Herndon, before the Supreme Court on February 12, 2020. Counsel filed the brief of appellant and record on appeal in the case of The State v. Harlin A. Bearden with the Court of Appeals on February 5, 2020. Counsel filed the brief of appellant in the case of The State v. Tony Dequan Manago with the Court of Appeals on January 23, 2020. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Michael Sullivan with the Court of Appeals on January 8, 2020. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Rias Odell Isaac with the Court of Appeals on December 13, 2019. Counsel filed the brief of appellant in the case of In the Matter of the Care and Treatment of Timothy Brown with the Court of Appeals on December 9, 2019. Counsel filed the initial brief of respondent and designation


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 Attorney General's office consents to this request shown by signature below.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **final five (5) day extension until Wednesday, February 26, 2020**, in which to file the initial brief of appellant

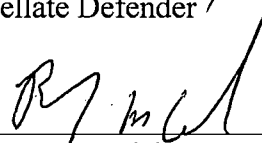
and designation of matter in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances. Counsel will file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in this before the deadline if possible. Counsel requests that the time limits for filing the brief be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



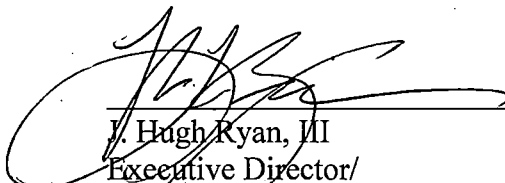
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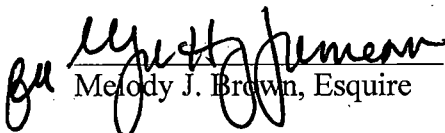


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J. Hugh Ryan, III  
Executive Director/  
Hervey B. O. Young  
Deputy Director and General Counsel/  
W. Lawrence Brown  
Deputy General Counsel and Training  
Director

This 21st day of February, 2020.

I do not oppose:



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Melody J. Brown, Esquire