

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from Laurens County

Frank R. Addy, Circuit Court Judge  
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THE STATE,

v.

SYLVESTER FERGUSON III,

RESPONDENT.

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2018-002133  
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MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME  
TO FILE THE INITIAL BRIEF OF RESPONDENT  
AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER  
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Counsel for Sylvester Ferguson respectfully requests a **fourth and final** thirty (30) day extension **until April 8, 2020**, in which to file the initial brief of respondent 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. This is a fourth request for an extension. In support of this request, counsel shows:

1. The initial brief of respondent in this case are due to be served and filed with the Court today. The Court has granted counsel three previous extensions.
2. Counsel for Sylvester Ferguson respectfully submits that extraordinary circumstances exist which warrant the granting of an additional extension of time. Given the

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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.

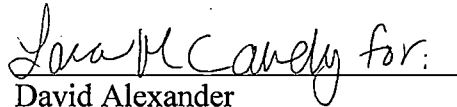
3. Counsel filed the brief of appellant and record on appeal in the case of The State v. Antonio Deaunte Simpkins with the Court of Appeals on February 26, 2020. Counsel filed the brief of respondent in the case of The State v. John Kenneth Massey with the Supreme Court on February 20, 2020. Counsel 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.

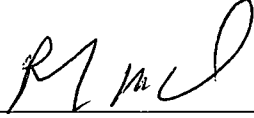
4. Counsel makes this request in good faith and not for purpose of delay. Counsel intends to continue to work on the cases with more than three extensions first so that the caseload will hopefully become more manageable in the near future, and less extensions will need to be requested.

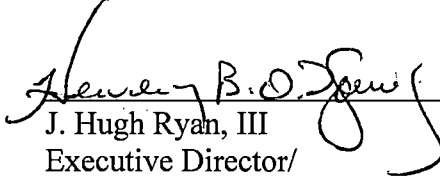
5. Counsel for the Attorney General's office consents to this request shown by signature below.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension** until **April 8, 2020**, in which to file the initial brief of respondent in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

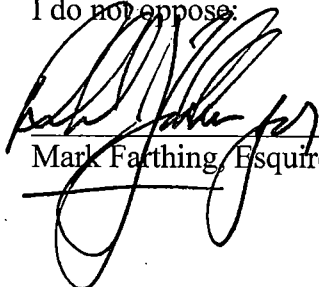
  
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This 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

I do not oppose:

  
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