

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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May 26 2020

Appeal from Sumter County
Honorable Thomas L. Hughston, Circuit Court Judge

SC Court of Appeals

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

SINCERE JA RAY DINKINS,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2019-001763

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

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 petition for rehearing in the case of The State of South Carolina v. Herbie V. Singleton, Jr. with this Court on May 21, 2020. Counsel filed the Anders brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State of South Carolina v. Chauncey Wright with this Court on May 19, 2020. Counsel filed the Johnson petition for writ of certiorari

and accompanying appendix in the case of Robert McGuffin v. The State of South Carolina with the Supreme Court on May 12, 2020. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of The State of South Carolina v. Steven Louis Barnes before this Court on May 5, 2020. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals in the case of Tommy McGee v. The State of South Carolina with the Supreme Court on April 27, 2020. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals in the case of Vance Ross v. The State of South Carolina with the Supreme Court on April 27, 2020. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals in the case of Kelvin Jones v. The State of South Carolina with the Supreme Court on April 27, 2020. Counsel filed the Anders brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State of South Carolina v. Jeremy Williams with this Court on April, 27, 2020. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State of South Carolina v. Seth Hassan Smith with this Court on April 15, 2020. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Kerwin Parker v. The State of South Carolina with the Supreme Court on April 8, 2020. Counsel filed the petition for rehearing in the case of Brenda Roberts v. The State of South Carolina with this Court on April 2, 2020. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State of South Carolina v. Byron Rivers with this Court on March 31, 2020.

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. Opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, has graciously consented to this extension request by way of the thirty day general consent granted by Deputy Attorney General

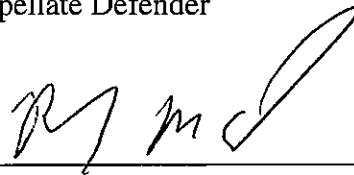
Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through June 30, 2020. That emailed general consent was dated May 20, 2020.

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,

s/ Kathrine Hudgins

Kathrine H. Hudgins
Appellate Defender

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R M Dudek', is written over a horizontal line.

Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender

This 26th day of May, 2020.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to the Supreme Court's Order "RE: Operation of the Appellate Courts During the Coronavirus Emergency," dated March 20, 2020, the undersigned hereby certifies a true copy of the Motion for an Extension of Time in which to File the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the above-referenced case have been served upon Melody J. Brown, Esquire at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), this 26th day of May, 2020.

s/ Kathrine H. Hudgins

Kathrine H. Hudgins
Appellate Defender

ATTORNEY FOR APPELLANT