

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from Richland County

Jocelyn J. Newman, Circuit Court Judge

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SC Court of Appeals

IN THE MATTER OF THE CARE AND  
TREATMENT OF RONALD GARRARD,

APPELLANT.

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2019-001817

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

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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 is currently working on a death penalty appeal in State v Timothy Jones. Counsel filed the brief of appellant and record on appeal in the case of The State v. Alvin Gregory Mitchell, Jr. with the Court of Appeals on May 22, 2020. Counsel filed the Johnson petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of James Tytil Wright v.

The State with the Supreme Court on April 30, 2020. Counsel filed the initial brief of respondent and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Sylvester Ferguson III with the Court of Appeals on April 27, 2020. Counsel filed the brief of appellant and record on appeal The State v. Demarcus Obrien Foster with the Court of Appeals on April 27, 2020. Counsel filed the initial brief of respondent and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Harold Gene White, III with the Court of Appeals on April 27, 2020. Counsel filed the brief of appellant in the case of The State v. Derrick Lamar Porter with the Court of Appeals on April 23, 2020. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Johnathan Lamar Hillary with the Court of Appeals on April 23, 2020. Counsel filed the brief of appellant and record on appeal in the case of The State v. Pedro A. Grado Torres-Shaw with the Court of Appeals on April 15, 2020. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. William Earl Sherley with the Court of Appeals on April 1, 2020. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Ty'Shun Mario Bessellieu with the Court of Appeals on March 27, 2020. Counsel filed the brief of appellant and record on appeal In the Matter of the Care and Treatment of James Williams with the Court of Appeals on March 13, 2020.

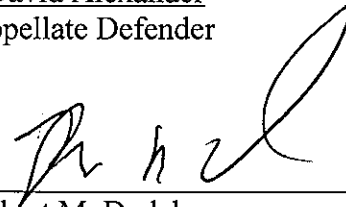
3. This request is made in good faith, and not for purposes of delay. Counsel intends to continue to work on the cases with more than three extensions first so that the caseload will hopefully become more manageable in the near future, and less extensions will need to be requested.

4. On May 20, 2020, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through June 30, 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/David Alexander  
Appellate Defender

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

Robert M. Dudek  
Chief Appellate Defender

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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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 to File the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the above-referenced case has been served upon Deborah R.J. Shupe, Esquire, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), this 26th day of May, 2020.

s/David Alexander  
Appellate Defender

ATTORNEY FOR APPELLANT