

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE SUPREME COURT

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Certiorari to Spartanburg County  
G. Thomas Cooper, Circuit Court Judge  
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BENNIE LEE GRIFFIN,

PETITIONER,

V.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2020-000142  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION TO FILE  
PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI  
AND APPENDIX**  
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The undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty-day extension in which to file the petition for writ of certiorari and appendix in the above-referenced case. In support of this motion, counsel would respectfully show the Court the following exigent circumstances:

1. The petition for writ of certiorari and appendix in this case are due to be served and filed today, having been extended by one prior order of this Court.

2. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and appendix in the case of Ricardo Dargan v. State with the Supreme Court on May 26, 2020. Counsel filed the Johnson petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Janoblin Bracy-Brown v. State with the Supreme Court on May 20, 2020. Counsel filed the Johnson petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Raymond E. Burns v. State with the Supreme Court on May 20, 2020. Counsel filed the Johnson petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Kelly Bruton v. State with the Supreme Court on May 13, 2020. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Russell Montgomery v. State with the Supreme Court on May 13, 2020. Counsel filed the Return to the petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals in the case of Frederick Robert Chappell v. State with the Supreme Court on April 30, 2020. Counsel filed the Petition for Rehearing in the case of Erick Hernandez v. State with the Supreme Court on April 23, 2020. Counsel filed the Johnson Petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Rebecca Smoak v. State with the Supreme Court on April 6, 2020. Counsel filed the Johnson Petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Auston Breazeal v. State with the Supreme Court on April 3, 2020. Counsel filed the Johnson petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Kelly E. Bruton v. State with the Supreme Court on April 22, 2020. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Russell Montgomery with the Supreme Court on April 22, 2020.

3. This request is made in good faith, and not for purposes of delay.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty-day extension in which to file the petition for writ of certiorari and appendix in this case. Counsel requests that the time limits for filing the petition for writ of certiorari be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,

s/Wanda H. Carter  
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