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The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse
Clerk of Court, South Carolina Supreme Court
Post Office Box 11330
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

RE: Vernard Mathis v. State of South Carolina
Appellate Case No. 2018-000779

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

Respondent's return to the petition for writ of certiorari in the above-referenced post-conviction relief appeal is due to be served and filed on today's date. However, I respectfully request a third thirty-day extension to serve and file this return. This extension request is not intended for the purpose of delay, but rather, is necessitated by my heavy workload. I have attempted to reach opposing counsel, Tara Dawn Shurling, for consent via email.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if there are any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

s/ Samuel L. Key

Samuel L. Key
Assistant Attorney General
SC Bar No. 103206

s/ Megan H. Jameson

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Senior Assistant Deputy Attorney General

In compliance with: *In Re: Extensions in Criminal and Post-Conviction Relief Cases*,
(S.C. Sup. Ct. Order dated March 18, 2009) (Davis Adv. Sh. No. 13 at 1).

cc: Tara D. Shurling, Esquire