

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

\_\_\_\_\_  
Appeal from Florence County

Thomas A. Russo, Circuit Court Judge  
\_\_\_\_\_

**RECEIVED**

**Jul 01 2020**

**SC Court of Appeals**

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

RASHEEM KEVIN THOMAS,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2019-001072  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

The undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **final thirty-day extension until July 31, 2020** 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 exigent circumstances:

1. The initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case are due to be served and filed today having been extended by three prior orders of this Court.
2. Counsel filed the Anders brief of appellant and record on appeal in the case of State v. Tequan Holmes with the Court of Appeals on June 25, 2020. Counsel e-filed the Anders

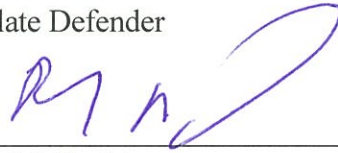
brief of appellant and record on appeal in the case of State v. Bernard Jackson with the Court of Appeals on May 26, 2020. Counsel e-filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Roger Bruce v. State with the Supreme Court on May 15, 2020. Counsel e-filed the Johnson petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Kenneth Robinson v. State with the Supreme Court on April 13, 2020. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Donald Richburg with the Court of Appeals on April 3, 2020. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Abdul Furquan v. State with the Supreme Court on March 19, 2020. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Jermasha Nelson with the Court of Appeals on March 19, 2020. Counsel filed the Anders brief of appellant and record on appeal in the case of State v. Edward Lee Washington with the Court of Appeals on March 4, 2020. Counsel filed the Anders brief of appellant and record on appeal in the case of State v. Johnny Tyler Padgett in the Court of Appeals on March 4, 2020. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Stephen Douglas Berry v. State with the Supreme Court on February 26, 2020. Counsel filed the Anders brief of appellant and record on appeal in the case of State v. Courtney A. Smith with the Court of Appeals on February 20, 2020. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Frankie Lee Davis, III, with the Court of Appeals on February 5, 2020. Counsel filed the Anders brief of appellant and record on appeal in the case of State v. Ansel Bradley Wallen with the Court of Appeals on February 3, 2020.

3. This request is made in good faith, and not for purposes of delay.
4. Counsel for the state graciously does not oppose this request.

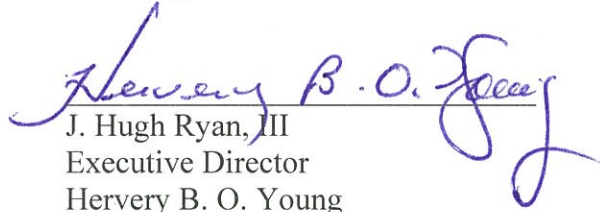
WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **final thirty-day extension until July 31, 2020** in which to file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case. Counsel requests that the time limits for filing the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,

s/Adam Ruffin  
Adam Sinclair Ruffin  
Appellate Defender



\_\_\_\_\_  
Robert M. Dudek  
Chief Appellate Defender



J. Hugh Ryan, III  
Executive Director  
Hervery B. O. Young  
Deputy Director and General Counsel/  
W. Lawrence Brown  
Deputy General Counsel and Training Director

July 1, 2020

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

\_\_\_\_\_  
Certiorari to Florence County  
Thomas A. Russo, Circuit Court Judge  
\_\_\_\_\_

**RECEIVED**

**Jul 01 2020**

**SC Court of Appeals**

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

RESPONDENT,

V.

RASHEEM KEVIN THOMAS,

APPELLANT

\_\_\_\_\_  
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 fourth extension request in the above-referenced case has been served upon William M. Blitch, Jr., Esquire, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), this 1st day of July, 2020.

s/Adam Ruffin  
Adam Sinclair Ruffin  
Appellate Defender

ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER