

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Certiorari to Horry County

Honorable D. Craig Brown, Circuit Court Judge  
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THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

JORDAN MARIE HODGE,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2019-001745  
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MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME  
IN WHICH TO FILE THE INITIAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT  
AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER  
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Counsel for Jordan Marie Hodge respectfully requests a **final ten (10) day extension, until September 7, 2020**, in which to file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in this case. **Counsel will file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter before the deadline if possible.** This motion is made pursuant to the Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009. This is a fifth request for an extension. In support of this request, counsel shows:

1. The initial brief of appellant and designation of matter are due to be filed with the Court today. The Court has granted counsel four previous extensions.
2. Counsel for Jordan Marie Hodge respectfully submits that extraordinary circumstances exist which warrant the granting of an additional extension of time. Given the number of extensions previously granted and the order in which counsel attempts to manage her caseload, counsel hopes that no further extension requests will be required.

3. **Counsel has been working with the Chief Appellate Defender and other Appellate Defenders on the death penalty appeal of The State v. Timothy Ray Jones, Jr. which has a deadline of September 16, 2020.** Counsel filed the return to petition for writ of certiorari to this Court in the case of Michael Elders v. The State with the Supreme Court on August 10, 2020. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Miranda Taylor with this Court on August 7, 2020. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Glen Waldrop with this Court on July 27, 2020. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Ronnie Bonner with this Court on July 27, 2020. Counsel filed the brief of respondent in the case of The State v. Ontario Makins with the Supreme Court on July 2, 2020. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Yolanda Shatten with this Court on June 25, 2020. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Michael Strother with this Court on June 25, 2020. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Risheen Rich with this Court on June 25, 2020.

4. Counsel makes this request in good faith and not for purpose 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.

5. 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 August 31, 2020.

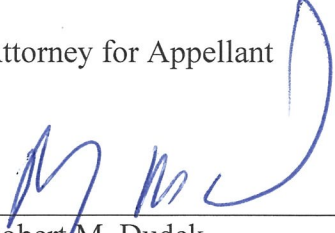
WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **final ten (10) day extension until September 7, 2020**, in which to file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

s/Taylor D. Gilliam

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This 26th day August, 2020.