

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE SUPREME COURT

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Appeal from Richland County

Jocelyn J. Newman, Circuit Court Judge

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GARY WAYNE THOMAS,

PETITIONER,

V.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT.

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2020-000440

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MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME  
TO FILE THE PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI  
AND APPENDIX

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Counsel for Gary Wayne Thomas respectfully requests an extension of thirty (30) days in which to file the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in this case. This motion is made pursuant to the Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009. This is a second request for an extension. In support of this request, counsel shows:

1. The Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix are due to be served and filed with the Court today.

2. Counsel for Gary Wayne Thomas 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 filed the Johnson petition and accompanying appendix in the case of Bennie Lee Griffin v. State with the Supreme Court on August 12, 2020. Counsel filed the Johnson petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Thomas Stewart v. State with the Supreme Court on August 12, 2020. Counsel filed the Anders brief of appellant and record on appeal in the case of State v. James Ficklin with the Court of Appeals on July 27, 2020. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. William Brunson with the Court of Appeals on July 27, 2020. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari pursuant to Austin v. State in the case of John Bridges v. State with the Supreme Court on July 27, 2020. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of John Bridges v. State with the Supreme Court on July 27, 2020.

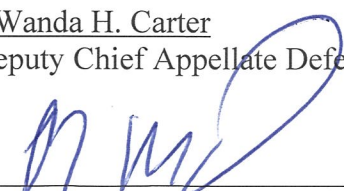
4. Counsel makes this request in good faith and not for purpose of delay.

5. On August 26, 2020, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through September 30, 2020.

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 based upon the above exigent circumstances. Counsel requests that time limits for filing the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,

s/Wanda H. Carter  
Deputy Chief Appellate Defender



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Robert M. Dudek  
Chief Appellate Defender

This 9th day of September, 2020.