

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from Richland County  
D. Craig Brown, Circuit Court Judge  
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**SC Court of Appeals**

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

MELVIN JAMES WHITE,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2019-001854  
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION TO FILE  
INITIAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT  
AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER  
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The undersigned counsel respectfully requests a thirty-day extension 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 extraordinary circumstances:

1. The initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case are due to be served and filed today, September 11, 2020.
2. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Travis A. Lee v. The State with the Supreme Court on September 8, 2020. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Rashawn Tremayne Carson v. The State with the Supreme Court on September 8, 2020. Counsel filed the initial

brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Jeffery James Williams with this Court on September 2, 2020. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Joe Lewis Holmes v. The State with the Supreme Court on August 28, 2020. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Elizabeth Leanne Howze with this Court on August 26, 2020. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Sterling Maybin with this Court on August 25, 2020. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Lorenzo A. Jackson v. The State with the Supreme Court on August 21, 2020. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Tony Fulmer v. The State with the Supreme Court on August 5, 2020. Counsel filed a Return to Petition for Rehearing in the case of The State v. Jermaine Marquel Bell with this Court on August 3, 2020. Counsel filed the Johnson petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Aaron Alonzo Brown v. The State with the Supreme Court on July 27, 2020. Counsel filed the Anders brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Quintin Mills with this Court on July 27, 2020. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Faasiu Toese v. The State with the Supreme Court on July 17, 2020.

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

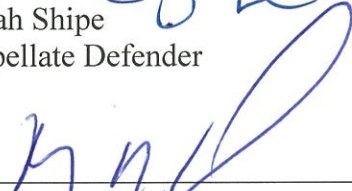
4. Opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, has graciously consented to this extension request by way of the extended thirty-day general consent granted by Deputy Attorney

General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through September 30, 2020.  
That extended, emailed general consent was dated August 26, 2020.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty-day extension. Counsel respectfully 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,

  
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Sarah Shipe  
Appellate Defender

  
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Robert M. Dudek  
Chief Appellate Defender

This 11<sup>th</sup> day of September.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE  
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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 motion for an extension of time, in which to file initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the above-referenced case has been served upon William M. Blicht, Jr., Esquire, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), this 11th day of September, 2020.

  
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Sarah E. Shipe  
Appellate Defender

ATTORNEY FOR APPELLANT.