

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from Beaufort County
Honorable Edgar W. Dickson, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

DALE EUGENE KING,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2019-002078

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

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.

2. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of Eric Charles Peterson v. State with this Court on September 25, 2020. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of Curtis Allen Babb, Jr. v. State with this Court on September 23, 2020. Counsel filed the Anders brief of appellant and record on appeal

in the case of State v. Donald Frank Halstead with the Court of Appeals on August 26, 2020. Counsel filed the Anders brief of appellant and record on appeal in the case of State v. Rasheem Thomas with the Court of Appeals on July 31, 2020. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of Michael Williams v. State with the Court of Appeals on July 27, 2020. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of Sherry McMahan v. State with the Court of Appeals on July 27, 2020. Counsel filed the Johnson petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Justin Jermaine Johnson v. State with the Supreme Court on July 27, 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.

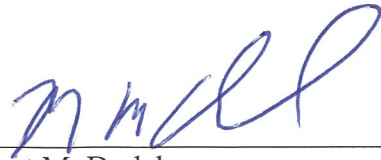
4. Opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, has graciously consented to this extension request by way of the thirty day general consent granted by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through September 30, 2020. That emailed general consent was dated 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,



Adam S. Ruffin
Appellate Defender



Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender

This 28th day of September, 2020.

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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 Motion for an Extension of Time in which to File the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the above-referenced case have been served upon Melody J. Brown, Esquire at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), this 28th day of September, 2020.



Adam S. Ruffin
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ATTORNEY FOR APPELLANT