

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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SC Court of Appeals

Appeal from Colleton County

Honorable Carmen T. Mullen, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

CHRISTOPHER CARL SAUNDERS,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2020-000408

MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME
IN WHICH TO FILE THE INITIAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT
AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER

Counsel for Christopher Carl Saunders respectfully requests an extension of a **final thirty (30) days, until November 30, 2020**, in which to file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in this case. This motion is made pursuant to the Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009. This is a fourth 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 three previous extensions.
2. Counsel for Christopher Carl Saunders 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 initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of Anthony Mays v. The State with this Court on October 28, 2020. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of Johnathan Bright v. The State with this Court on October 28, 2020. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals with the Supreme Court on October 21, 2020. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Gerald Haltiwanger v. The State with the Supreme Court on October 14, 2020. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Johnathon Phillips v. The State with the Supreme Court on October 5, 2020. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of Sidney Moorer v. The State with this Court on October 5, 2020. Counsel attended the Annual Public Defender Conference from Monday, September 21- Wednesday, September 23, 2020. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Roosevelt Sabb 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 Jordan Hodge v. The State with this Court on September 8, 2020. Counsel filed the petition for rehearing in the case of Justin Hillerby v. The State with this Court on September 3, 2020. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. John Linen with this Court on August 27, 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 October 31, 2020.

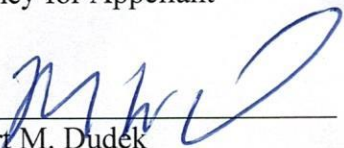
WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **final thirty (30) days, until November 30, 2020** in which to file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances.

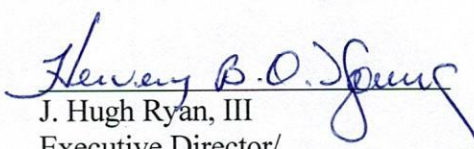
Respectfully submitted,

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This 28th day of October, 2020.