

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from Florence County  
Honorable Thomas A. Russo, Circuit Court Judge  
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THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

ROYAL DANIEL WILLIAMS III,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2020-000049

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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.

2. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Otis Gibson with the Court of Appeals on November 4, 2020. Counsel filed the Johnson Petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Joanie Holcombe v. State with the Supreme Court on October 30, 2020. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant

and designation of matter in the case of State v. Nancy Carswell with the Court of Appeals on October 21, 2020. Counsel filed the Anders brief and Record on Appeal in the case of State v. Pamela Tackett with the Court of Appeals on October 21, 2020. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals and accompanying appendix in the case of Brian Willie Benson Lewis v. State with the Supreme Court on October 16, 2020. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Eric Charles Peterson with the Court of Appeals on September 25, 2020. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Curtis Allen Babb, Jr. with the Court of Appeals on September 23, 2020. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Yusuf Aquil v. State with the Supreme Court on September 9, 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 State v. Michael Williams with the Court of Appeals 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.

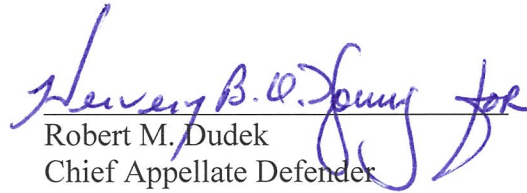
4. Opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, has graciously consented to this extension request by way of the thirty day general consent granted by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through November 30, 2020. That emailed general consent was dated October 28, 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020.

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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 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020.



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Adam S. Ruffin  
Appellate Defender

ATTORNEY FOR APPELLANT