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The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse
Supreme Court of South Carolina
Post Office Box 11330
Columbia, South Carolina 29211
By email only to suptcfilings@sccourts.org

Re: Gary R. Thompson v. State of South Carolina
Appellate Case No. 2020-000442

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

Respondent's Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the above-referenced post-conviction relief appeal is due to be served and filed today. I am respectfully requesting a first thirty-day extension to serve and file this Return. This extension request is not intended for the purpose of delay, but rather, is necessitated by a heavy workload.

By inter-agency agreement, Petitioner has no objection to this request.

Sincerely,

s/Taylor Zane Smith
Taylor Z. Smith
Assistant Attorney General
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cc: Sara E. Shipe, Esquire (by email only)