

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from Florence County

Thomas A. Russo, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

ROYAL DANIEL WILLIAMS III,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2020-000049

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

The undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **final thirty-day extension until January 8, 2021** 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 exigent circumstances:

1. The initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case are due to be served and filed today having been extended by three prior orders of this Court.
2. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State. v. Dale King with the Court of Appeals on December 1, 2020. Counsel filed the petition

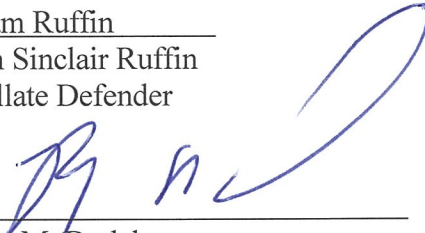
for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Carl Aiken v. State with the Supreme Court on November 23, 2020. Counsel filed the Anders brief of appellant and record on appeal in the case of State v. Douglas Lavance Young with the Court of Appeals on November 12, 2020. Counsel filed 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.

3. This request is made in good faith, and not for purposes of delay.
4. Counsel for the state graciously does not oppose this request.


WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **final thirty-day extension until January 8, 2020** in which to file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case. Counsel 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,

s/Adam Ruffin
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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 fourth extension request in the above-referenced case has been served upon Melody J. Brown., Esquire, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), this 9th day of December, 2020.

s/Adam Ruffin
Adam Sinclair Ruffin
Appellate Defender

ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER