

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from Lexington County  
Honorable William P. Keesley, Circuit Court Judge

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THE STATE,

Respondent,

v.

MICHAEL LARONE WILLIAMS,

Appellant.

Appellate Case No. 2019-001759

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MOTION FOR FOURTH EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE  
INITIAL BRIEF OF RESPONDENT AND  
DESIGNATION OF MATTER

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Respondent, the State, moves this Court for an additional thirty (30) day extension of time in which to file the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter, which is currently due to be filed today, Monday, December 14, 2020. Opposing counsel has graciously consented to all extension requests through December 31, 2020. In support of this motion, counsel would respectfully show the Court the following:

1. Counsel completed and filed the Brief of Respondent in the case of *Stokes v. Stirling*, Case No. 18-6, a death penalty case pending in the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit on November 23, 2020.

2. Counsel is working on the Brief of Respondent in the case of *The State v. Jerome Jenkins, Jr.*, Case No. 2019-001280, a death penalty case pending in the South Carolina Supreme Court due December 30, 2020.

3. Counsel is working on the Response Brief in the case of *James Bryant, III v. Michael Stephan*, Case No 20-4, a death penalty case pending in the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit due today.

This is the fourth request for an extension in which to file the Initial Brief and Designation of Matter. Undersigned counsel has consulted with opposing counsel in this action, who consents to the request for additional time.

WHEREFORE, undersigned counsel for Respondent respectfully requests an additional extension of thirty (30) days to complete the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter.

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I, Michael D. Ross, hereby certify that as per the March 20, 2020 Order of the Chief Justice, the Fourth Extension to file the Initial Brief of Respondent, Designation of Matter, and Proof of Service has been forwarded to Appellant's counsel, Adam S. Ruffin, Esq., via email today, December 14, 2020 to [Aruffin@sccid.sc.gov](mailto:Aruffin@sccid.sc.gov), and to his assistant, Scott Leverett to [Sleverett@sccid.sc.gov](mailto:Sleverett@sccid.sc.gov).

I further certify that all parties required by Rule to be served have been served.

This 14th day of December, 2020

s/Michael D. Ross  
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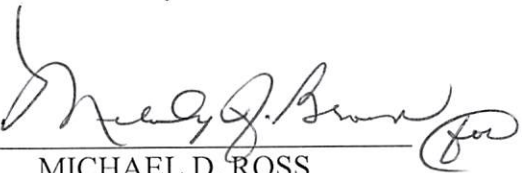
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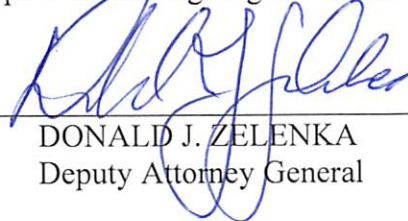
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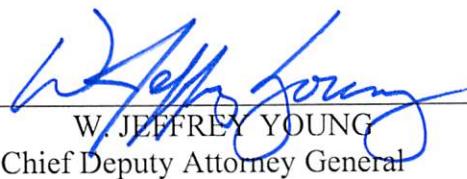
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I support the finding of good cause.

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Dear Mr. Ruffin,

Please find attached a scanned copy of the Respondent's Fourth Motion for Extension to file the Initial Brief and Designation of Matter. This Motion will be filed today with the South Carolina Court of Appeals along with a copy of this email.

Sincerely,

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