

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Supreme Court

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APPEAL FROM PICKENS COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas
Alexander S. Macaulay, Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No. 2020-000881

Jerry Buck Inman a/k/a Jerry Buck Inmon,Respondent-Petitioner,

v.

State of South Carolina,Petitioner-Respondent.

Motion for Extension of Time to File Return to State's Petition for Writ of *Certiorari*

In this capital case, Jerry Inmon¹ moves this Court for an order extending the time to file return to the State's petition for a writ of *certiorari* until Friday, January 22, 2021. This motion is Mr. Inmon's third request to file his response to the State's petition for a writ of *certiorari* since this Court's order dated August 24, 2020 appointing undersigned counsel.²

¹ "Inmon" is the correct spelling. Mr. Inmon's name appears as "Inman" in prior proceedings and some pleadings in the proceedings in the court below.

² By letter dated July 16, 2020, undersigned counsel joined the State's requests to hold in abeyance filing deadlines or, alternatively, grant an extension until this Court ruled on the motion to appoint counsel.

On October 23, 2020, Mr. Inmon filed a motion for an order requiring the State of South Carolina to file a Supplemental Appendix to include in the Appendix copies Applicant's Exhibits 47-54, which are deposition transcripts introduced during the evidentiary hearing. This Court granted that motion on November 25, 2020, and the State filed the supplemental appendix on November 19, 2020.

This request is not intended for delay. Ms. Holt continues struggling with grief from the loss of her eldest child. From Friday, November 27, 2020, until Thursday, December 3, 2020, Mr. Grose self-quarantined with symptoms of congestion, sore throat, cough, and fatigue. His COVID-19 test, taken on November 30, 2020, with results reported December 3, 2020, was negative, but he was diagnosed with a sinus infection. Monday, December 7, 2020 was his first full day at work following the Thanksgiving holiday.

Additionally, undersigned counsel is working on the cross-petition for a writ of *certiorari*. By order dated December 22, 2020, this Court extended the time for filing the cross-petition until Wednesday, January 20, 2021. Mr. Grose has blocked off time during the week of December 28, 2020 to January 4, 2021 to work on the cross-petition. Once that pleading is complete, undersigned counsel will turn their attention to this response.

Finally, undersigned counsel respectfully request this Court accept this filing out of time as Mr. Grose overlooked filing it prior to the Christmas Holiday.

Respectfully Submitted,

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