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The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse  
Supreme Court of South Carolina  
Post Office Box 11330  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211  
(By Electronic Filing Only)

**Re: Gary Wayne Thomas v. State of South Carolina**  
**Appellate Case No. 2020-000440**

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 Monday, December 21, 2020. 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.

Sincerely,

s/ Yasmeen E. Klein  
Yasmeen E. Klein  
Assistant Attorney General  
SC Bar No. 104681

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cc: Wanda H. Carter, Esquire (by email only)