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The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse  
Clerk of the Supreme Court of South Carolina  
Post Office Box 11330  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211  
By email only to supctfilings@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 third 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 between the Attorney General's Office and the Division of Appellate Defense, Petitioner has no objection to this request.

Sincerely,

s/Taylor Z. Smith  
Assistant Attorney General  
SC Bar No. 103282

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cc: Sara E. Shipe, Esquire (by email only)

In compliance with: *In Re: Extensions in Criminal and Post-Conviction Relief Cases*, (S.C. Sup. Ct. order dated March 18, 2009) (Davis Adv. Sh. No. 13 at 1).

s/Megan Harrigan Jameson  
MEGAN HARRIGAN JAMESON  
Senior Assistant Deputy Attorney General