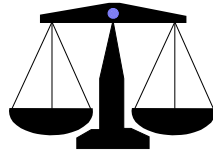


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The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse  
Clerk, Supreme Court of South Carolina  
P.O. Box 11330  
Columbia, SC 29211

Re: State of South Carolina v. Donald Scott Jones; Appellate Case No. 2021-000024

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

The Court recently granted me a ten (10) day extension of time in which to file a Rule 243 letter concerning this PCR appeal. That letter is due for service and filing today. Unfortunately, since Monday I have been heavily involved in the search for a fifteen year old material witness in a murder case that is also connected to a second murder. Due the time I have had to spend on that matter I was not able to complete this letter. I have made arrangements to get the last document I need to review and should have it by tomorrow. I am, however, scheduled to be involved in interviews at the Sheriff's Department with the witness in that murder case tomorrow and have no idea how long I will be tied up there or whether I will be able to complete the Rule 243 letter tomorrow. In an abundance of caution, I am now asking for an additional five (5) day extension to submit this letter on behalf of Mr. Jones.

I apologize for having to ask for this second short extension, particularly since I recognize that extensions for a 243 letter are unusual. I can assure the Court that I will make every effort to get this letter of explanation of this appeal should be allowed to move forward done as quickly as possible and will file it sooner than the five (5) days requested if at all possible. I have not had to opportunity to discuss this request with opposing counsel, Chelsey F. Marto, Assistant Attorney General. I do not believe she will have any objection to this additional extension, but would ask that she convey her position directly to the Court. I thank the Court for it consideration of this request and remain,

Sincerely,

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