

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE SUPREME COURT

Certiorari to Greenwood County

Honorable J. Mark Hayes, Circuit Court Judge

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S.C. SUPREME COURT

ALFONSO MORGAN,

PETITIONER,

V.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

RESPONDENT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2020-001174

MOTION FOR EXTENSION TO FILE
PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI
AND ACCOMPANYING APPENDIX

The undersigned counsel respectfully requests a **final thirty-day extension, until March 31, 2021**, in which to file the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the above-referenced case. In support of this motion, counsel would respectfully show the Court the following extraordinary circumstances:

1. The petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in this case are due to be served and filed today.
2. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of Victor Weldon v. The State before the Court of Appeals on March 1, 2021. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Dennis Cumbee v. The State with this Court on February 22, 2021. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of Yashawnus Patterson v. The State with the Court of Appeals on February 16, 2021. Counsel filed

the Brief of Petitioner in the case of Dameion Rivers v. The State with the Court of Appeals on February 12, 2021. Counsel filed the Motion to Hold Appeal in Abeyance and Motion to Remand for Reconstruction of Post-Conviction Relief Hearing in the case of Jacoby Fields v. The State on January 11, 2021. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Leonard Brockington v. The State with this Court on January 4, 2021.

3. Opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, has graciously consented to this extension request by way of the thirty-day general consent granted by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through March 31, 2021.

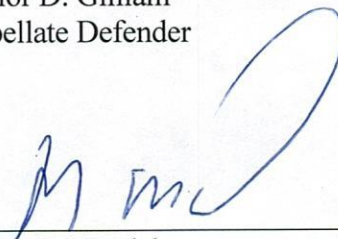
4. This request is made in good faith, and not for purposes of delay. Counsel intends to continue to work on the cases with more than three extensions first so that the caseload will hopefully become more manageable in the near future, and less extensions will need to be requested.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **final thirty-day extension, until March 31, 2021**. Counsel respectfully requests that the time limits for filing the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,

s/Taylor D. Gilliam

Taylor D. Gilliam
Appellate Defender

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. M. Dudek', is written over a horizontal line.

Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender

March 1, 2021