

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE SUPREME COURT

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Certiorari to Lexington County
The Honorable William A. McKinnon
Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No. 2020-000730

GONZALES REESE WARDLAW,

PETITIONER,

v.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT.

**MOTION FOR EXTENSION TO FILE THE RETURN TO PETITION OF CERTIORARI
AND MOTION TO FILE OUT OF TIME**

Respondent, the State, moves this Court, out of time, for a third thirty-day extension of time in which to file the Return to Petition of Certiorari, up to and including **March 31, 2021**. This is Respondent's third request for an extension in which to file the Return which was due to be filed and served on March 1, 2021. Due to a calendaring error, undersigned counsel missed the deadline.

This extension request is not intended for purposes of delay, but rather is due to counsel's heavy workload and to ensure the Return is properly researched and prepared. Opposing counsel has graciously consented to this request via email and inter-agency agreement.

WHEREFORE, undersigned counsel for Respondent respectfully requests a third **thirty-day extension** until **March 31, 2021**, in which to complete and file the Return to Petition

for Writ of Certiorari in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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