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S.C. SUPREME COURT

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

Re: Donte Jared Stokes v. State of South Carolina
Appellate Case No. 2019-002027

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 on today's date. 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. Rather, this extension request is necessitated by a heavy workload.

Sincerely,

Yasmeen E. Klein

For Michael D. Davidson
Assistant Attorney General
SC Bar No. 104114

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cc: Kathrine H. Hudgins, Esquire (by email only)