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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Dorchester County

Honorable Maite Murphy, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

JAMES WINSTON ALMOND,

APPELLANT.

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2020-001397

MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO
SERVE AND FILE THE INITIAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT
AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER

Counsel for James Winston Almond respectfully requests a thirty (30) day extension, in which to serve and file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in this case. This motion is made pursuant to the Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009. This is a third request for an extension. In support of this request, counsel shows:

1. The Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in this case are due to be served and filed today.

2. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari in the case of Levell Grant v. The State on May 11, 2021 with the Supreme Court. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari in the case of Dennis Rodger Davis, Jr. v. The State on May 4, 2021 with the Supreme Court.

Counsel filed the amended petition for writ of certiorari in the case of Adrienne Randolph v. The State on April 12, 2021 with the Supreme Court. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari in the case of Karras Cascelle Cohen, Jr. v. The State on April 7, 2021 with the Supreme Court.

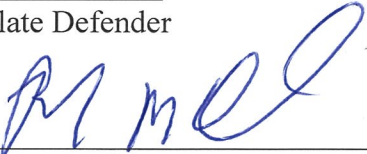
3. This request is made in good faith, and not for purposes of delay. Counsel intends to continue to work on the cases with more than three extensions first so that the caseload will hopefully become more manageable in the near future, and less extensions will need to be requested.

4. On May 28, 2021, opposing counsel, the Attorney General’s Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through June 30, 2021.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty (30) day extension. Counsel respectfully requests that the time limits for serving and filing the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,

s/Jessica M. Saxon
Appellate Defender



Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender

This 1st day of June, 2021.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to the Supreme Court's Order "RE: Operation of the Appellate Courts During the Coronavirus Emergency," dated March 20, 2020, the undersigned hereby certifies a true copy of the Motion for Extension in the above-referenced case has been served upon William M. Blich, Jr., Esquire, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), this 1st day of June, 2021.

s/Jessica M. Saxon
Appellate Defender

ATTORNEY FOR APPELLANT