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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
IN WHICH TO FILE THE INITIAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT
AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER

Counsel for James Winston Almond respectfully requests an extension of a **final thirty (30) days, until July 31, 2021**, in which to 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 fourth request for an extension. In support of this request, counsel shows:

1. The initial brief of appellant and designation of matter are due to be filed with the Court today. The Court has granted counsel three previous extensions.
2. Counsel for James Winston Almond respectfully submits that extraordinary circumstances exist which warrant the granting of an additional extension of time. Given the

number of extensions previously granted and the order in which counsel attempts to manage her caseload, counsel hopes that no further extension requests will be required.

3. Counsel filed the brief of appellant in the case of The State v. Francisco Saul Ortiz-Aguirre on June 7, 2021 with the Court of Appeals. 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.

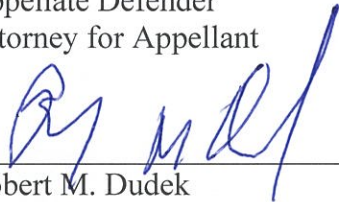
4. Counsel makes this request in good faith and not for purpose of delay. Counsel intends to continue to work on the cases with more than three extensions first so that the caseload will hopefully become more manageable in the near future, and less extensions will need to be requested.

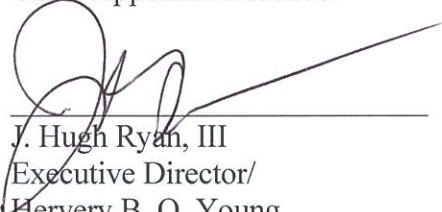
5. Opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, has graciously consented to this extension request by way of the thirty day general consent granted by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through July 31, 2021. That emailed general consent was dated June 28, 2021.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **final thirty (30) days, until July 31, 2021** in which to file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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This 1st day of July, 2021.