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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Orangeburg County

G. Thomas Cooper, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

LAMONT ANTONIO SAMUEL,

APPELLANT.

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2020-001612

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

Counsel for Lamont Antonio Samuel respectfully requests a **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension until October 7, 2021**, in which to serve and file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the above-referenced 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 in this case are due to be served and filed with the Court today.
2. Counsel for Lamont Antonio Samuel 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 his caseload, counsel hopes that no further extension requests will be required.

3. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Court of Appeals in The State v. Corey Jermaine Brown with the Supreme Court on August 30, 2021. Counsel filed the brief of petitioner in Michael Duran Watson v. The State with the Court of Appeals on August 13, 2021. Counsel filed the brief of appellant and designation of matter in In the Matter of the Care and Treatment of James Ronnie Nichols, Jr with the Court of Appeals on August 11, 2021. Counsel filed the return to petition for writ of certiorari in The State v. M'Andre Cochran with the Supreme Court on August 2, 2021. Counsel filed the petition for rehearing in The State v. Corey Jermaine Brown with the Court of Appeals on July 21, 2021. Counsel, along with co-counsel filed the initial reply brief of appellant and designation of matter in the death penalty case of The State v. Timothy Ray Jones, Jr. with the Supreme Court on June 30, 2021. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in The State v. Joseph Randolph Henry with the Court of Appeals on June 17, 2021.

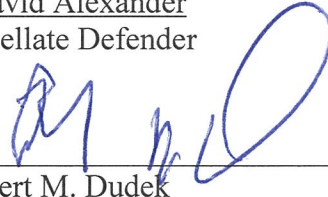
4. Counsel makes this request in good faith and not for purpose of delay. Counsel intends to continue to work on the cases with more than three extensions first so that the caseload will hopefully become more manageable in the near future, and less extensions will need to be requested.

5. On August 27, 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 September 30, 2021.

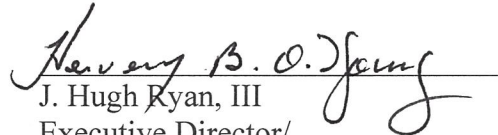
WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension** until **October 7, 2021**, in which to serve and file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

s/David Alexander
Appellate Defender



Robert M. Dudek
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This 7th day of September, 2021.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to Rule 262(a)(3) and Rule 262(c)(3), SCACR, the undersigned hereby certifies a true copy of the Motion for Extension in the above-referenced case has been served upon Melody J. Brown, Esquire at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), this 7th day of September, 2021.

s/David Alexander
Appellate Defender

ATTORNEY FOR APPELLANT