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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE SUPREME COURT

Appeal from Georgetown County

Honorable D. Craig Brown, Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No. 2017-000211

STEPHEN C. STANKO #6022,

PETITIONER,

V.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT.

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE A PETITION FOR
WRIT OF CERTIORARI IN EXCESS OF 25 PAGES

The petition for writ of certiorari and appendix in this matter are currently due to be filed on December 3, 2021. Although undersigned counsel has diligently worked to edit and shorten the petition, counsel believe that adequate treatment of the issues in this case requires a petition that is longer than the twenty-five pages allowed by Rule 243(e)(3), SCACR. Counsel notes that this is a death penalty case, Petitioner's case is the first appeal to address issues related to the standard of review following remand pursuant to *Robertson v. State*, 418 S.C. 505, 795 S.E.2d 29 (2016), two issues require fact-intensive discussion related to trial counsel's investigation and presentation of mitigating evidence, and the appendix is over 4,000 pages. Counsel believes that a petition of not more than sixty (60) pages is necessary to adequately address the questions presented in this case.

Counsel, therefore, respectfully requests that this Court permit the filing of a petition for writ of certiorari of up to sixty (60) pages in length.

Respectfully submitted,

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