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**SC Court of Appeals**

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from Jasper County

Honorable Carmen T. Mullen, Circuit Court Judge

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THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

KAREEM STEVENSON,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2021-000417

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MOTION FOR EXTENSION TO FILE  
INITIAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT  
AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER

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The undersigned counsel respectfully requests a thirty-day extension in which to file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the above-referenced case. In support of this motion, counsel would respectfully show the Court the following extraordinary circumstances:

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 and accompanying appendix in the case of Quentin Hardy v. The State with the Supreme Court on December 6, 2021. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals and accompanying appendix in the case of The State v. Carmie Josette Nelson with the Supreme Court on November 19, 2021. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Kendall Donyale Arnold v. The State with the Supreme Court on October 22, 2021. Counsel filed the petition for

rehearing in the case of The State v. Carmie Josette Nelson with this Court on September 30, 2021. Counsel attended the Annual Public Defender Conference, which was held September 27-29, 2021, in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Counsel filed the Johnson petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Favian A. Hayes v. The State with the Supreme Court on September 15, 2021. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Alton Wesley Gore v. The State with the Supreme Court on September 1, 2021.

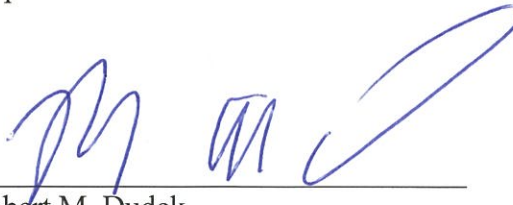
3. This request is made in good faith, and not for purposes of delay.

4. Opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, has graciously consented to this extension request by way of the thirty-day general consent granted by email from Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka dated November 30, 2021 for all Appellate Defense extensions through December 31, 2021.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty-day extension. Counsel respectfully requests that the time limits for filing the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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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 an Extension of Time in which to File the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021.

  
Sarah E. Shipe  
Appellate Defender

ATTORNEY FOR APPELLANT