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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Lexington County

William P. Keesley, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

CRAIG CORY COOPER,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2021-000441

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

Counsel for Craig Cory Cooper 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 Brief of Petitioner in the case of Sammy Lee Scarborough v. The State with the Court of Appeals on December 22, 2021. Counsel filed a Johnson Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the case of Marquives Boatwright v. The State with the South Carolina

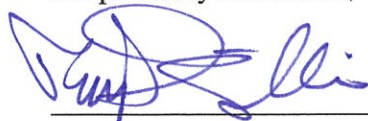
Supreme Court on November 23, 2021. Counsel filed the Initial Reply Brief of Appellant in the case of The State v. Calvin Carroll Cochran with the Court of Appeals on November 18, 2021. Counsel filed a Motion to Vacate Sentence and Remand for a New Sentencing Hearing in the case of Shellie Lavette Davis v. The State with the Court of Appeals on November 15, 2021.

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.

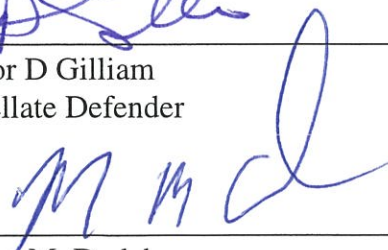
4. On November 30, 2021, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through December 31, 2021.

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,



Taylor D Gilliam
Appellate Defender



Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender

This 29th day of December, 2021.

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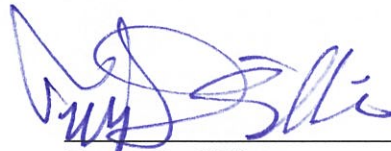
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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 William M. Blich, Jr., Esquire, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), this 29th day of December, 2021.



Taylor D Gilliam
Appellate Defender

ATTORNEY FOR APPELLANT