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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Dorchester County

Diane Schafer Goodstein, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

DEVONTE T. MAJOR,

APPELLANT.

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2021-000874

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

Counsel for Devonte Major 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. On March 3, 2022, counsel filed the petition for rehearing in James Allen Johnson v. The State with the Court of Appeals. On March 2, 2022, counsel filed the brief of appellant and designation of matter in The State v. Jonathan Art Lincoln with the Court of Appeals. On


February 17, 2022, counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in The State v. Donnielle K. Matthews with the Court of Appeals. On January 28, 2022, counsel filed a petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals in The State v. Jody Ray Thompson with the Supreme Court. On January 25, 2022, counsel had an oral argument in James Allen Johnson v. The State before the Court of Appeals. On January 14, 2022, counsel filed a return to petition for rehearing in The State v. Montrelle Lamont Campbell with the Court of Appeals.

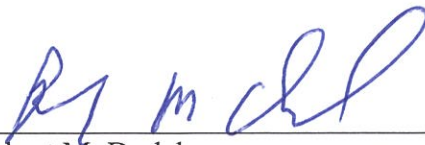
3. This request is made in good faith, and not for purposes of delay. Counsel intends to continue to work on the cases with more than three extensions first so that the caseload will hopefully become more manageable in the near future, and less extensions will need to be requested.

4. On February 28, 2022, 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 March 31, 2022.

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,


Lara M. Caudy
Appellate Defender



Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender

This 7th day of March, 2022.

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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 March, 2022.



Lara M. Caudy
Appellate Defender

ATTORNEY FOR APPELLANT