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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Lexington County
Frank R. Addy, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

DAMIEN LAVAR RITTER,

APPELLANT.

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2021-000710

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

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 had an oral argument in the case of State v. Jermasha Nelson in the Court of Appeals on March 9, 2022. Counsel filed the Anders brief of appellant and record on appeal in the case of State v. Elijah Quinlin Diante Green with the Court of Appeals on March 7, 2022. Counsel filed the petition for writ of Certiorari to the Court of Appeals in the case of Malik

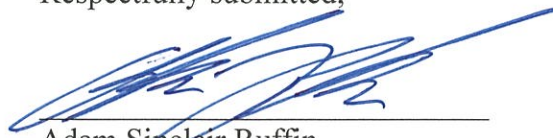
Jabree Singleton v. State with the Supreme Court on February 25, 2022. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of State v. Leslie Davis in the Court of Appeals on February 17, 2022. Counsel filed the Anders brief of appellant and record on appeal in the case of State v. Walter Palacios with the Court of Appeals on February 11, 2022. Counsel filed the return to petition for rehearing in the case of State v. Victoria Sanchez with the Court of Appeals on January 21, 2022. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari in the case of Gerald Williams v. State with the Supreme Court on January 19, 2022. Counsel filed the Anders brief of appellant and record on appeal in the case of State v. Michael Dyers with the Court of Appeals on January 4, 2022.

3. Counsel makes this request in good faith and not for purpose of delay.

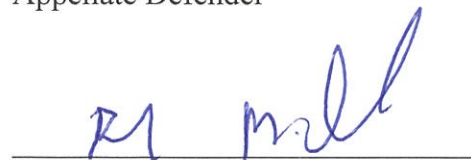
4. On February 28, 2022, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through March 31, 2022.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty-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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Appellate Defender



Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender

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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 an Extension to File the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the above-referenced case has been served upon Melody J. Brown, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), this 11th day of March, 2022.



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ATTORNEY FOR APPELLANT