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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

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION TO FILE
INITIAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT AND
DESIGNATION OF MATTER**

The undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **final thirty-day extension until May 11, 2022** 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 exigent circumstances:

1. The initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case are due to be served and filed today having been extended by three prior orders of this Court.
2. Counsel filed the petition for rehearing in the case of State v. Donald Richburg on March 31, 2022. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of State v. Frankie Davis in the Court

of Appeals on March 15, 2022. 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. This request is made in good faith, and not for purposes of delay.

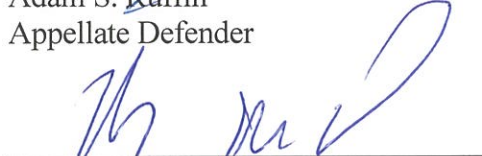
4. On March 30, 2022, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through April 30, 2022.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **final thirty-day extension until May 11, 2022** in which to file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case. Counsel 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.

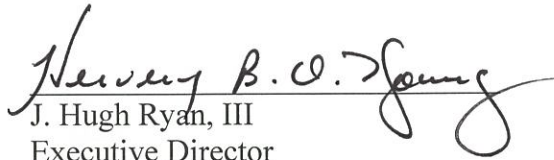
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