

U.S. Department of Justice

Office of the Solicitor General

Washington, D.C. 20530

January 2, 2018

Honorable Scott S. Harris Clerk Supreme Court of the United States Washington, D.C. 20543

Re: Michael Sammons v. USA, No. 17-795

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on November 28, 2017 and placed on docket, November 30, 2017. The government's response is now due on January 2, 2018

We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the Rules of this Court, an extension of time to and including February 1, 2018, within which to file the government's response.

This extension is requested to complete preparation of the government's response, which was delayed because of the heavy press of earlier assigned cases to the attorneys handling this matter.

Sincerely,

Noel J. Francisco Solicitor General

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