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IN THE SUPEREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
OCTOBER TERM, 2017

LOUIS B. GASKIN

Petitioner,

VS.

STATE OF FLORIDA,

Respondent.

APPLICATION FOR SIXTY (60) DAY EXTENSION OF TIME IN WHICH TO FILE
PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE FLORIDA SUPREME COURT

COMES NOW THE PETITIONER, Louis B. Gaskin, by and through the undersigned counsel, and pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 13-5, and respectfully requests as extension of sixty (60) days within which to file his Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Florida Supreme Court. In support of his request, Petitioner, through counsel, states the following:

1. Petitioner is an indigent death-sentenced inmate in the custody of the State of Florida. Mr. Gaskin is represented by the Law Office of the Capital Collateral Regional Counsel Middle Region (CCRC-M) a state agency in Florida. CCRC-M has represented Mr. Gaskin in state and federal collateral proceedings in the Florida

courts and federal court. CCRC-M was appointed to represent Mr. Gaskin in the United States District Court and the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit pursuant to the Criminal Justice Act (18 U.S.C. §3006A).

2. This case follows from the decision of the Florida Supreme Court affirming the trial court's denial of Mr. Gaskin's successive motion for postconviction relief filed under Florida Rule of Criminal Procedure 3.851.

3. This Court has certiorari jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §1257.

4. The Florida Supreme Court issued the opinion affirming the trial court's denial on February 28, 2018. (Attachment A). Mr. Gaskin did not seek rehearing.

5. Petitioner shows the following good cause in support of this request:

A. Petitioner's counsel is employed by a state agency, Capital Collateral Regional Counsel - Middle. Counsel has a number of very active cases that require considerable work and attention to provide the representation necessary in capital cases.

B. Since the opinion in Petitioner's case, counsel filed two initial appellate briefs and one reply brief in the Florida Supreme Court. He has also participated in one evidentiary hearing and responded and replied to show cause orders from the Florida Supreme Court similar to the one in the instant case.

C. Petitioner's counsel was ill for approximately 2 weeks during which he was only able to do a limited amount of work.

D. Mr. Gaskin's case involves a number of procedural anomalies that will take significant work to adequately explain and present Mr. Gaskin's issues.

6. As a result of the forgoing, counsel respectfully requests a 60-day extension of time from the due date of May 29, to submit a petition for writ of certiorari.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner, through his undersigned counsel, respectfully requests an extension of sixty (60) days from the May 29, 2018 date to file the Petition for Writ of Certiorari on behalf of Petitioner.


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