

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

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No. A-\_\_\_\_\_  
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JAY MAURICE THARPS

v.

UNITED STATES  
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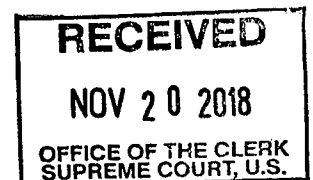
APPLICATION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME WITHIN WHICH TO FILE A  
PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE U.S. COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT  
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Pursuant to Rules 13.5 and 30.2 of this Court, counsel for Jay Maurice Tharps respectfully request a 60-day extension of time, to and including February 8, 2018, within which to file his petition for a writ of certiorari to review the judgment of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit in this case.

1. Petitioner Jay Maurice Tharps was charged in an indictment in the United States District Court for the District of Maryland. Jurisdiction in that court was pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3231. Petitioner was convicted. Petitioner appealed his convictions to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

2. The United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit entered its judgment on August 3, 2018. See Exhibit 1. The court denied rehearing and rehearing *en banc* on September 10, 2018. See Exhibit 2. Unless extended, the time for filing a petition for a writ of certiorari will expire on December 10, 2018. The jurisdiction of this Court would be invoked under 28 U.S.C. 1254(1).

3. In his Petition for Writ of Certiorari, petitioner intends to request that the United States Supreme Court review the substantial question raised in his



appeal, whether there was evidence of probable cause to support the search warrant of his residence when the facts failed to establish that Mr. Tharps was a drug trafficker.

4. Pursuant to Rule 13.5, for good cause shown, counsel for petitioner respectfully requests an extension of time, to and including February 10, 2018, within which to file a petition for a writ of certiorari. Counsel was in an 8 codefendant trial from September 17 until October 31 this fall and she is scheduled to start another trial on December 7. Counsel has had significant time managing a personal family matter since August as well. Counsel therefore not had enough time to finalize the petition for Mr. Tharps and additional time is therefore needed to prepare the petition in this case.

Respectfully submitted,  
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BY AND THROUGH

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Appointed by the Court for Jay Maurice Tharps  
Under the Criminal Justice Act

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