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**In the
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES**

Stephen Patrick Black, *Petitioner*

v.

State of Texas, *Respondent*

On Petition for a Writ of Certiorari to the
Supreme Court of the State of Texas

**MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE
PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI**

TO THE HONORABLE JUSTICE NEIL GORSUCH:

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IN THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT:

Comes now, Stephen Patrick Black, (Hereinafter Petitioner) for the Writ of Certiorari, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1257(a), and respectfully requests permission for an extension of time to file, pursuant to the U.S. Supreme Court Rules 22, 29, 30.2, 30.3, and 33.2. U.S. S. Ct. Rule 30.3 states to serve the request on the individual Justice serving the District of Texas, thereto being Justice Neil Gorsuch.

Petitioner's case is a final judgment from the Supreme Court of Texas, therein decided on November 21, 2017. In support of this motion Petitioner would respectfully show the Court the following:

1. This is a Petition for Writ of Certiorari, Stephen Patrick Black v. State of Texas, Texas Supreme Court Cause No. 17-0034. From the Texas Fourth Court of Appeals, Cause No. 04-16-00423-CV, and the Texas 274th District Court for Guadalupe County, Cause No. 15-1805.

2. The Supreme Court of Texas Final Judgment and Order on a Motion for Rehearing for a Petition for Review was signed on November 21, 2017.

4. The Petitioner is currently being held in confinement at the Texas Civil Commitment Center and effectively lost several days of research and the ability to use the law library due to staff taking vacation time off during the holidays. Petitioner, being a layman of the law motioned the Texas Supreme Court with a Notice of Appeal, and was notified a month later as to his mistake; thereby losing 30 of his 90 days to file a certiorari.

5. Petitioner contends the law library is literally contained in a computer, and without ample access to the computer he was unable to fully research and prepare his Writ of Certiorari effectively to file it within the time allocation of 90 days.

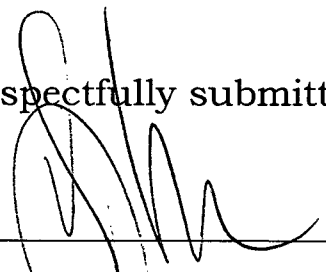
6. Petitioner requests a thirty-day extension of time to ensure he develops an adequate Writ of Certiorari that is acceptable to the Justices of the United States Supreme Court.

8. Plaintiff requests Special Solitude in preparation for this appeal, based on the grounds he is not a qualified attorney and is representing himself as a Pro-Se Litigant. See *Boag v. MacDougall*, 454 U.S. 364 (1982); citing *Haines v Kerner*, 404 US 519, 30 L Ed 2d 652, 92 S Ct 594 (1972).

PRAYER

Petitioner prays the Honorable Justices grant this thirty-day extension of time to prepare an adequate Writ of Certiorari.

Respectfully submitted,

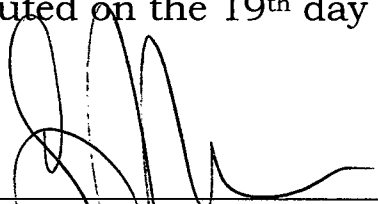


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UNSWORN DECLARATION

I, Stephen Patrick Black, do declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing Motion for Extension of Time is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and is in compliance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746.

Executed on the 19th day of January 2018.



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