

STATE OF IDAHO

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August 4, 2020

Scott S. Harris, Clerk Supreme Court of the United States Office of the Clerk 1 First Street, NE Washington, DC 20543

Re:

Pizzuto v. Yordy, #19-8598

Dear Mr. Harris:

By way of this letter, Respondent Keith Yordy requests an additional extension of fourteen (14) days in which to file his brief in opposition to petition for writ of certiorari, making it due August 19, 2020. Respondent's current due date, after receiving a thirty (30) day extension, is August 5, 2020.

The extension is necessary because I have had insufficient time to review, research and draft an appropriate response due to deadlines in other cases, particularly in light of the fallout from COVID-19 that has made my work much more difficult and time consuming. Specifically, since receiving the first extension of time, I have drafted and filed significant pleadings in Braughton v. State of Idaho, federal habeas case, response to court order and response to motion to produce documents; Creech v. Davis, capital habeas appeal, response to motion to supplement the record; Byerly v. IDOC, federal habeas case, motion to lift stay and dismiss; Sanchez v. Christensen, federal habeas case, motion for partial summary dismissal; Renfro v. State, capital post-conviction case, response to motion to vacate; and Pizzuto v. State, capital post-conviction appeal, motion to expedite oral argument and reply in support of motion to expedite oral argument.

I contacted Deborah A. Czuba, counsel for Petitioner Gerald Ross Pizzuto, Jr., who stated she has no objection to Respondent's request for additional time to file his brief in opposition to petition for writ of certiorari.

Sincerely

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