

IN THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT

MICHAEL O. SAFFELL,
Appellant,

Case No: _____

v.

5D2025-1285
1990-CF-00127

STATE OF FLORIDA,
Appellees,

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APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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COMES NOW the petitioner, Michael O. Saffell, pro se, pursuant to Rules of the United States Supreme Court, Rules 22 and Rule 30 and moves this Honorable Court for an extension of time in which to submit his Petition for Writ of Certiorari and in support of this motion would show the following:

JURISDICTION

The Basis for Jurisdiction in the United States Supreme Court is found in 28 USC §1254. See *Hohn v. United States*, 524 U.S. 236, 118 S.Ct. 1969, 141 L.Ed.2d. 242. Further, The United States Supreme Court's Rules expressly provide for extensions of time in which to file a petition for writ of certiorari, thus, this Court has Jurisdiction to entertain the application/motion for an extension of time.

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REASONS FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Petitioner, Michael O. Saffell, moves this Court for an extension of time in which to submit his Petition for Writ of Certiorari due to several factors that are outside of his control.

1. On March 31, 2026, the Fifth District Court of Appeal of Florida issued an order denying a direct appeal of the denial of Petitioner's constitutional rights.

2. The fact that Trial Counsel's ineffectiveness was never even considered by the Lower Court and would have been bound by this Court's decisions in *Hill v Lockhart*, 106 S. Ct 366 (1985); *Lafler v. Cooper*, 132 S. Ct. 1376, 182 L. Ed. 2d 398 (2012); *Crews v Estes*, 2021 U.S. Dist. Lexis 144939 (2012).

3. Petitioner asseverates that the District Courts denial of these motions clearly is an unreasonable determination of the facts and clearly fails to follow this Courts' precedent, which deserves review by this Court.

4. Appellant is housed at a level 7 institution and has limited access to the law library due to his housing assignment. Further, appellant will need the assistance of a certified law clerk and will be only allowed to visit the law library at pre-determined times based on the submission of an inmate request and placement on a call-out. The need of law clerk

assistance is necessary to ensure that the Petition for Writ of Certiorari is properly presented with all the necessary facts, which will include typing and copy services.

5. Appellant has no way of contacting opposing counsel in regards to any objections to this request for an extension of time, however, appellant submits that this motion is filed in good faith and in no way is done to delay the proceedings, and as such would not prejudice the State of Florida in any manner.


Wherefore, based on the foregoing, Appellant would request that this Court grant appellant an additional Ninety (90) days, in which to submit his Petition for Writ of Certiorari.

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FIFTH DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL
STATE OF FLORIDA

Case No. 5D2025-1285
LT Case No. 1990-CF-000127-A

MICHAEL SAFFELL,

Appellant,

v.

STATE OF FLORIDA,

Appellee.

3.850 Appeal from the Circuit Court for Citrus County.
Joel D. Fritton, Judge.

Wade M. Whidden, of Whidden Law, Tampa, for Appellant.

James Uthmeier, Attorney General, Tallahassee, and Kaylee D.
Tatman, Assistant Attorney General, Daytona Beach, for
Appellee.

March 31, 2026

PER CURIAM.

AFFIRMED.

MAKAR, EISNAUGLE, and SOUD, JJ., concur.

Not final until disposition of any timely and authorized motion under Fla. R. App. P. 9.330 or 9.331.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY under §92.525 Fla. Stat. (2024) and under the authority of *Houston v. Lack*, 487 U.S. 266, 108 S. Ct. 2379, 2382, 101 L. Ed. 2d 245 (1988). (prisoner's mailbox rule) that I have placed a true and correct copy of the foregoing "Application for Extension of Time" into the hands of prison officials for mailing to: Clerk of Court, United States Supreme Court, 1 First St., N.E., Washington, DC 20543-0001; Office of the Attorney General, PL-01, The Capitol, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050

On this 9th day of June 2026.

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I, Michael O. Saffell, declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on June 9, 2026.



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