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## TO THE HONORABLE COURT OF APPEALS OF NORTH CAROLINA:

NOW COMES the State of North Carolina, by and through undersigned counsel, and respectfully moves the Court pursuant to Rule 27(c) of the Rules of Appellate Procedure for entry of an order granting a seven (7) day extension of time, to and including January 14, 2000, within which to file the brief for the State in the above-captioned case.

In support of this motion the State shows the following:

1. The defendant was convicted of first degree murder, conspiracy to commit murder, and first degree arson. He was sentenced to life imprisonment without parole for the first degree murder charge. In addition, he was sentenced to 55-75 months for the arson charge, to run at the expiration of the life sentence, and 135 to 171 months on the conspiracy charge to run at the

expiration of the arson sentence. The defendant filed his brief with the Court on October 26, 1999. The defendant has brought forward five assignments of error concerning evidence and examination in a case where the transcript exceeds 2600 pages.

- The undersigned attorney has been assigned to prepare the State's brief which is now due on January 7, 2000.
- 3. Counsel for the State needs the requested extension in order to have adequate time to prepare the State's responsive brief in this case.
- Defendant's appellate counsel has been contacted and he does not oppose the requested extension of time.

WHEREFORE, the State requests that the Court grant a seven (7) day extension of time, to and including January 14, 2000, for the State to file its brief.

This the 4th day of January, 2000.

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a copy of the foregoing in the above-captioned action upon all parties by depositing a copy of the same in the United States mail, first-class postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

W. David Lloyd Attorney at Law 101 South Elm Street, Suite 310 Greensboro, NC 27401

This the 4th day of January, 2000.

James C. Gulick

Special Deputy Attorney General

## No. COA99-981

## North Carolina Court of Appeals

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

From Guilford (97-CRS-39580, 97-CRS-23654, 98-CRS-23485)

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ORDER

The following order was entered:

The motion filed in this cause on the 4th day of January 2000 and designated "Motion For Extension Of Time To File The Brief For The State" is allowed. State's brief shall be filed on or before 14 January 2000.

By order of the Court this the 6th day of January 2000.

Witness my hand and official seal this the 6th day of January 2000.

John A. Gondell

Clerk of North Carolina Court of Appeals

CC

Mr. James C. Gulick Mr. W. David Lloyd Mr. John W. Hatfield, Jr.