

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

No. DA 19-0453

STATE OF MONTANA,

Plaintiff and Appellee,

v.

TOSTON GRAY LAFOURNAISE,

Defendant and Appellant.

**MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
WITH AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT**

COMES NOW Lisa S. Korchinski, Assistant Appellate Defender for the Appellate Defender Division, and respectfully requests an extension of time until August 19, 2020, in which to prepare, file, and serve the Appellant's opening brief in the above-entitled matter. This is Appellant's tenth request for an extension. Appellant's opening brief was first due October 17, 2019. Appellant's opening brief is currently due July 20, 2020. Appellant submits the attached affidavit in support of this motion.

Opposing counsel has been contacted and has no objection.

Respectfully submitted this 10th day of July, 2020.

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By: /s/ Lisa S. Korchinski
LISA S. KORCHINSKI
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STATE OF MONTANA)
 : ss.
County of Lewis and Clark)

I, Lisa S. Korchinski, in compliance with M. R. App. P. 26(2),
declare:

1. I am a licensed, practicing attorney in the State of Montana, and am currently employed by the Office of State Public Defender, Appellate Defender Division (ADD), as an Assistant Appellate Defender.

2. The Appellant's brief was first due on October 17, 2019. On behalf of the ADD, Chad Wright, Appellate Defender, filed five extension requests until March 19, 2020.

3. As an Assistant Appellate Defender I was assigned to handle the above-entitled matter.

4. I am counsel of record in nine (9) appeals: *State v. Chambers* (DA 18-0178); *State v. Tenold* (DA 18-0246); *State v. Deutsch, Sr.* (DA 18-0116); *State v. Flesher* (DA 18-0415); *State v. Vandebos* (DA 18-0487); *State v. Schneider* (DA 18-0668); *State v. Lopez* (DA 18-0667); *State v. Hardesty* (DA 19-0220); and *State v. Lafournaise* (DA 18-0415).

5. Currently, I have a total of five opening briefs and two reply briefs due before this Court.

6. I work on cases in the order received unless other priorities arise.

7. Due to COVID-19 directives, I have been working remotely while caring for my child at home because of school closures beginning March 16, 2020. I am also currently addressing a personal health issue that has taken time away from my work schedule.

8. I am currently working on the opening brief in *Vandenbos* (due July 15, 2020) , and have prioritized the reply briefs in both *Chambers* (due July 20, 2020) and *Tenold* (due July 22, 2020). I am also reviewing the record in another case that has been pending longer than Mr. Lafournaise's case.

9. This is undersigned counsel's fifth request for an extension in this case and is the tenth extension request overall.

10. I am unable to complete review, research and write the opening brief for this appeal in the remaining time.

11. I will continue to work diligently on my assigned cases.

12. Undersigned counsel requests an extension until August 19, 2020, to file the opening brief on appeal.

13. The Appellant is currently incarcerated.

14. Opposing counsel has been contacted concerning this motion and does not object.

15. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

/s/ Lisa S. Korchinski
Lisa S. Korchinski, Helena, Montana

July 10, 2020
Date

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Lisa S. Korchinski, hereby certify that I have served true and accurate copies of the foregoing Motion - Unopposed to the following on 07-10-2020:

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Electronically signed by Kim Harrison on behalf of Lisa S. Korchinski
Dated: 07-10-2020