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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.

UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND DECLARATION IN SUPPORT

The Appellee, State of Montana, respectfully requests a 30-day extension of time until August 10, 2021, in which to prepare, serve, and file its response brief in the above-entitled matter.

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In support of this motion, undersigned counsel respectfully submits the following Declaration.

Respectfully submitted this 2nd day of July, 2021.

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By: <u>/s/ Katie F. Schulz</u>

KATIE F. SCHULZ

Assistant Attorney General

Pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. § 1-6-105, I, Katie F. Schultz, hereby declare as follows:

- 1. I am a licensed, practicing attorney in the State of Montana, and am currently employed by the Montana Department of Justice, Office of Attorney General, Appellate Services Bureau, as an Assistant Attorney General.
- 2. In my capacity as Assistant Attorney General, I was assigned to handle the above-entitled matter on May 12, 2021.
 - 3. The State's response brief was originally due on June 11, 2021.
- 4. Due to current workloads and complexity of the issues presented, I have not had time to sufficiently review and prepare a response or discuss the case with the State's attorney or victims.

- 5. Since being assigned this case, the undersigned has completed the following response briefs: State v. Howard, Case No. DA 20-0165, filed May 21, 2021; State v. Polak, II, Case No. DA 20-0044, filed June 10, 2021; In re K.E.R., Case No. DA 21-0066, filed June 17, 2021. The undersigned also filed a notice of filing documents in United States District Court, District of Montana, Terry Parks v. Montana, Cause No. CV-20-111-M-DLC-KLD, filed May 13, 2021.
- 6. In addition to the current matter, the undersigned is also assigned to prepare response briefs in the following cases: *Linwood v. Salmonsen*, Case No. OP 21-0287, due July 11, 2021; *State v. Ellison*, Case No. DA 19-0581, due July 25, 2021; and *State v. Tipton*, Case No. DA 20-0040, due July 26, 2021.
- 7. I will work diligently to complete the matter in the time requested, if not before.
- 8. I inquired with Mr. Lafournaise's appellate counsel, Chad Wright, and he does not oppose this motion.
- I hereby declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the 9. United States of America and the State of Montana that the foregoing is true and correct.

Respectfully submitted this 2nd day of July, 2021.

/s/ Katie F. Schulz

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Kathryn Fey Schulz, hereby certify that I have served true and accurate copies of the foregoing Motion - Unopposed to the following on 07-02-2021:

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Electronically signed by Kimberly Wollitz on behalf of Kathryn Fey Schulz Dated: 07-02-2021