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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

No. DA 22-0458

STATE OF MONTANA,

Plaintiff and Appellee,

v.

DONALD COLEN BRYANT,

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 May 28, 2024, in which to prepare, file, and serve its response brief in the above-entitled matter.

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

Respectfully submitted this 19th day of April, 2024.

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By: /s/ Christine Hutchison
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DECLARATION

Pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. § 1-6-105, I, Christine Hutchison, 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 the Attorney General, Appellate Services Bureau, as an Assistant Attorney General.
2. In my capacity as Assistant Attorney General, I have been assigned to handle the above-entitled matter.
3. The brief is presently due on April 28, 2024. This is the State's second extension request, and I am requesting a 30-day extension of time until May 28, 2024, to file my brief.

4. In the past month, I have filed response briefs in *State v. Canfield*, DA 22-0593 and *State v. Johnson*, DA 23-0703.

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

6. I will work diligently to complete the briefing within the requested period.

7. I hereby declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America and the State of Montana that the foregoing is true and correct.

Respectfully submitted this 19th day of April, 2024.

/s/ Christine Hutchison
CHRISTINE HUTCHISON

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Christine M. Hutchison, hereby certify that I have served true and accurate copies of the foregoing Motion - Unopposed to the following on 04-19-2024:

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