Case Number: DA 23-0673

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

No. DA 23-0673

STATE OF MONTANA,

Plaintiff and Appellee,

v.

KALENE JEAN BOWSER,

Defendant and Appellant.

UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME WITH AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT

COMES NOW, Tammy A. Hinderman, Division Administrator for the Appellate Defender Division, and respectfully requests an extension of time until December 6, 2024, in which to prepare, file, and serve the Appellant's opening brief in the above-entitled matter. This is Appellant's eleventh request for an extension. Appellant's opening brief was first due January 8, 2024. Appellant's opening brief is currently due November 6, 2024. Appellant submits the attached affidavit in support of this motion.

Opposing counsel has been contacted and has no objection.

Respectfully submitted this 30th day of October 2024.

OFFICE OF STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER APPELLATE DEFENDER DIVISION P.O. Box 200147 Helena, MT 59620-0147

By: /s/ Tammy A. Hinderman
TAMMY A. HINDERMAN
Division Administrator

I, Tammy A. Hinderman, pursuant to M. R. App. P. 26(2) and

Mont. Code Ann. § 1-1-203(1), declare:

1. I am a licensed practicing attorney in the State of Montana.

I was recently hired as the Division Administrator for the Appellate

Defender Division (ADD).

2. ADD currently has two attorney vacancies in the office due

to the departure of an attorney and my recent promotion. ADD

continues to use more contract attorneys to address its backlog. I am

attempting to identify which ADD or contract attorney is best able to

assume responsibility for the above-entitled appeal given the attorney's

individual caseload.

3. Additional time will be needed for assigned counsel to be

able to provide effective assistance of counsel.

4. Opposing counsel has been contacted concerning this motion

and does not object.

<u>/s/ Tammy A. Hinderman</u>

Tammy A. Hinderman

October 30, 2024

Date

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Tammy Ann Hinderman, hereby certify that I have served true and accurate copies of the foregoing Motion - Unopposed to the following on 10-31-2024:

Steven C. Haddon (Govt Attorney) P.O. Box H Boulder MT 59632 Representing: State of Montana

Service Method: eService

Austin Miles Knudsen (Govt Attorney) 215 N. Sanders Helena MT 59620 Representing: State of Montana Service Method: eService

Electronically signed by Kim Harrison on behalf of Tammy Ann Hinderman

Dated: 10-31-2024