

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

No. DA 23-0403

CITY OF HARDIN,

Plaintiff and Appellee,

v.

ANDRE ANTHONY,

Defendant and Appellant.

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

COMES NOW, Kathryn Grear Hutchison, Assistant Appellate Defender for the Appellate Defender Division, and respectfully requests a 30-day extension of time until December 12, 2024, in which to prepare, file, and serve the Appellant's opening brief in the above-entitled matter. This is Appellant's thirteenth request for an extension. Appellant's opening brief was first due September 13, 2023. Appellant's opening brief is currently due November 12, 2024. Appellant submits the attached affidavit in support of this motion.

Opposing counsel has been contacted and has no objection.

Respectfully submitted this 5th day of November, 2024.

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By: /s/ Kathryn Grear Hutchison
KATHRYN GREAR HUTCHISON
Assistant Appellate Defender

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I, Kathryn Grear Hutchison, in compliance with M. R. App. P.
26(2), declare:

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

2. I was assigned to represent Mr. Anthony in his current appeal, *City of Hardin v. Anthony* (DA 23-0403). Mr. Anthony is not currently incarcerated.

3. Appellant's opening brief was initially due September 13, 2023, and is presently due November 12, 2024. This is Appellant's thirteenth request for an extension, but the fourth since I was personally assigned to the case. I am requesting an extension of 30 days.

4. I review and complete my cases in the order in which they were assigned to me.

5. The opening brief in this case is my top priority. I have now reviewed the municipal and district court documents but am in need of additional time to review the audio transcripts, conduct legal research, consult with my client, and draft an opening brief. I am counsel of record in nine other pending appeals: *State v. Wood*, DA 21-0260, *State v. Brady*, DA 23-0251, *State v. Copyak*, DA 23-0128, *State v. Baertsch*, DA 23-0180, *In re M.S.*, DA 23-0376, *In re M.D.*, DA 23-0440, *In re B.F.*, DA 23-0458, *In re S.G.*, DA 23-0457, and *State v. Jaynes*, DA 23-0542.

6. I will work diligently to complete the opening brief in the requested time.

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

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

/s/ Kathryn Grear Hutchison
Kathryn Grear Hutchison, Helena, MT

November 5, 2024
Date

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Kathryn Gear Hutchison, hereby certify that I have served true and accurate copies of the foregoing Motion - Unopposed to the following on 11-05-2024:

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Dated: 11-05-2024