

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANASupreme Court No. DA 25-0547

STATE OF MONTANA,

Plaintiff and Appellee,

-vs-

YANBIN BAO,

Defendant and Appellant.

**UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO TRANSMIT
THE RECORD**

Yanbin Bao, through counsel, hereby moves the Court to continue the deadline to file the trial transcripts in this matter until January 28, 2026.

Bao, through counsel, filed her notice of appeal on July 28, 2025. A copy of the notice of appeal was filed with the Missoula District Court that same day. Also filed in the Missoula District Court on July 28, 2025 was a Request for Production of Transcripts that requested numerous hearings as well as the trial transcripts for trial dates May 12 – 20, 2025, as well as the sentencing on May 27, 2025. Per Mont. R. App. P. 9(1), the transcripts were to be filed within 40 days after the filing of the notice of appeal, making the transcripts originally due on or before September 6, 2025.

On August 20, 2025 Court Reporter Cindy Prindiville filed with the Missoula District Court a Motion for Extension of Time to Prepare Transcripts (Ex. A). The District Court granted her Motion two days later giving Ms. Prindiville an additional 50 days from August 30, 2025 to prepare transcripts. They were due on or before October 20, 2025. On October 8, 2025 Court Reporter Debbie Rafferty filed the transcripts she was preparing for the numerous hearings requested.

On October 16, 2025, Ms. Prindiville indicated by email that she has been working diligently to complete the trial transcripts but ultimately will be unable to do so before the deadline due to other work and transcript obligations. See the attached Request for Extension (Ex. B). The Supreme Court granted this Motion on October 17, 2025. The transcripts are currently due on December 9, 2025.

On December 2, 2025, Ms. Prindiville reached out to counsel and indicated that she will need an additional 50 days to complete the transcripts. See the attached Request for Extension of Time as Exhibit C.

Because of the reasons outlined above, and within the Request for Extension, the undersigned respectfully requests the Court continue the deadline to file the transcripts to January 28, 2026.

Andrea Haney, counsel for the State of Montana, has been contacted and has no objection to this Motion.

DATED this 4th day of December 2025.

STEPHENS BROOKE, P.C.

By: /s/ Jordan Kilby
Jordan Kilby

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3 MONTANA FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT,
4 MISSOULA COUNTY

5 STATE OF MONTANA,

6 Plaintiff,

7 vs.

8 YANBIN BAO,

9 Defendant.

) Dept. No.: 1
) Cause No.: DC-23-326
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) MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF
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10 COMES NOW, Cindy Prindiville, Official Court Report of the Fourth
11 Judicial District Court, and seeks additional time to prepare the above-
12 mentioned transcripts that have been ordered on appeal. I have several
13 appeals to complete that came in prior to this request. I will need additional
14 time to produce this appeal. Therefore, it is necessary I be granted an
15 additional 50 days from August 30, 2025 within which to prepare the
16 transcripts.

17 DATED this 20th day of August 2025.

18 By: /s/ Cindy Prindiville
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MONTANA JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MISSOULA COUNTY

YANBIN BAO,

No. DC 23-326

V.

STATE OF MONTANA,

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

COMES NOW Court Reporter, Cindy Prindiville, and requests an extension of up to fifty days from October 20, 2025, to complete the appeal in the above-referenced matter.

I have been in a Deliberate Homicide trial for three weeks and working on prior appeals that are due.

I will need additional time to complete this appeal.

Thank you for your patience and courtesy.

DATED this 16th day of October, 2025.

/S/ Cindy Prindiville

Cindy Prindiville

Official Court Reporter

EXHIBIT

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STATE OF MONTANA,

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

COMES NOW Court Reporter, Cindy Prindiville, and requests an extension of up to fifty days from December 9, 2025, to complete the appeal in the above-referenced matter.

I have been helping a lot in court and working on prior appeals that are due. I will need additional time to complete this appeal.

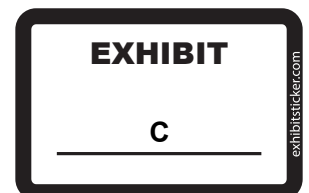
Thank you for your patience and courtesy.

DATED this 2nd day of December, 2025.

/S/ Cindy Prindiville

Cindy Prindiville

Official Court Reporter



CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Jordan Rhodes Kilby, hereby certify that I have served true and accurate copies of the foregoing Motion - Unopposed to the following on 12-04-2025:

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Electronically signed by Courtney Johnson on behalf of Jordan Rhodes Kilby
Dated: 12-04-2025