

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA****No. DA 25-0670**

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STATE OF MONTANA,

Plaintiff and Appellee,

v.

JASON ANTHONY MCNEES,

Defendant and Appellant.

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

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COMES NOW, Tammy A. Hinderman, Division Administrator for the Appellate Defender Division, and respectfully requests a 60-day extension of time until May 12, 2026, in which to prepare, file, and serve the Appellant's opening brief in the above-entitled matter. Appellant's opening brief was first due November 13, 2025. Appellant's opening brief is currently due March 13, 2026. Appellant submits the attached affidavit in support of this motion.

Opposing counsel has been contacted and has no objection.

Respectfully submitted this 2nd day of March 2026.

OFFICE OF STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER  
APPELLATE DEFENDER DIVISION  
P.O. Box 200147  
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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), 1-6-105(1)(a), declare:

1. I am a licensed practicing attorney in the State of Montana. I am the Division Administrator for the Appellate Defender Division (ADD).

2. 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.

/s/ Tammy A. Hinderman  
Tammy A. Hinderman  
Helena, Montana

March 2, 2026  
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 03-02-2026:

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Dated: 03-02-2026