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3 MARLO THOMAS,

Appellant,

vs.

THE STATE OF NEVADA,

7 Respondent. SEP 1 8 2006

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Case No. 46509

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE APPELLANT'S REPLY BRIEF

COMES NOW, Appellant, MARLO THOMAS, by and through his attorney, DAVID M. SCHIECK, ESQ., and moves this Court for an Order granting an extension of time of thirty (30) days to file Appellant's Reply Brief up to and including October 14, 2006. This Motion is made and based upon Supreme Court Rule 250 (6)(e) and the Affidavit of counsel filed herewith.

DATED this 14 day of September, 2006.

SUBMITTED BY:

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STATEMENT OF FACTS

SCR 250 6(e) Extension of time reads as follows:

"The-supreme court may grant an initial extension of time of up to 60 days to file a brief upon a showing of good cause, but shall not grant additional extensions of time upon a showing of extraordinary circumstances and

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extreme need."

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Based on the reasons set forth in counsel's affidavit attached hereto, it is requested that an extension of 30 days be granted to file Appellant's Opening Brief, up to and including October 14, 2006.

CONCLUSION

An extension of time of 30 days is requested to file Appellant's Reply Brief, up to and including October 14, 2006.

DATED this 19 day of September, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

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AFFIDAVIT OF COUNSEL

STATE OF NEVADA)
) ss:
COUNTY OF CLARK)

DAVID M. SCHIECK, ESQ., being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That Affiant is an attorney duly licensed to practice law in the

State of Nevada, and attorney for Appellant Marlo Thomas.

Thomas' Reply Brief is due September 14, 2006. No previous extension to file the Reply Brief has been requested.

That Affiant makes this request for an extension of time with the understanding of Supreme Court Rule 250 that "This court places the highest priority on diligence in the discharge of professional responsibility in capital cases." That in order to ensure Affiant effectively represents Appellant in this capital case Affiant needs

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an extension of time of 30 days to respond to the State's Answering Brief.

That Affiant has had to prepare for two murder trials for August and September: State v. Maestas and State v. Lobato. Maestas was set to begin August 21, 2006 as soon as the capital penalty hearing of her co-defendant was concluded. The District Court requested Affiant be ready to go the day after closing argument in the penalty hearing, even before the jury returned with a verdict. That when the co-defendant received the death penalty, Maestas negotiated her plea and did not go to trial.

That Affiant began <u>State v. Lobato</u>, a murder trial on remand after direct appeal, on September 11, 2006. Preparation for the <u>Lobato</u> murder trial included finding witnesses and interviewing them in Panaca, Nevada, a small town approximately 2 hours from Las Vegas. That Affiant and his investigator spent numerous hours locating and interviewing witnesses for trial.

That Affiant therefore requests an extension of 30 days, up to and including October 14, 2006 to prepare and file Appellant's Reply Brief. That Affiant makes this request in good faith and not for purposes of delay.

Further Affiant sayeth naught.

DAVÍD M. SCHIECK

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me

 $\eta \frac{19}{1}$ day of September, 2006.

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I, KATHLEEN FITZGERALD, do hereby certify that on the of September, 2006, I did deposit in the United States Post Office at Las Vegas, Nevada, a copy of the above and foregoing Motion, enclosed in a sealed envelope upon which first class postage was fully prepaid, addressed to the following: Clark County District Attorney, 200 Lewis Ave., 3rd Floor, Las Vegas NV 89155; and Nevada Attorney General, 100 N. Carson St., Carson City NV 89701-471/7

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