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3 MARLO THOMAS,

Appellant,

VS.

THE STATE OF NEVADA,

Respondent.

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Case No. 46509

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE APPELLANT'S OPENING 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 sixty (60) days to file Appellant's Opening Brief up to and including May 30, 2006 (May 28 is a Sunday and May 29 is a holiday). This Motion is made and based upon Supreme Court Rule 250 (6) (e) and the Affidavit of counsel filed herewith.

DATED this \mathcal{Y} day of March, 2006.

SUBMITTED BY:

DAVID M. SCHIECK SPECIAL PUBLIC DEFENDER Nevada Bar No. 0824 330 S. Third St., Ste. 800 Las Vegas, Nevada 89155 702-455-6265 Attorney for Appellant

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 except upon a showing of extraordinary circumstances and

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extreme need."

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The Record on Appeal in this matter was filed January 18, 2006 and Appellant's Opening Brief is due on March 29, 2006

Based on the reasons set forth in counsel's affidavit attached hereto, it is requested that an extension of 60 days be granted to file Appellant's Opening Brief, up to and including May 30, 2006 (May 28 is a Sunday and May 29 is a holiday).

CONCLUSION

An extension of time of 60 days is requested to file Appellant's Opening Brief, up to and including May 30, 2006.

DATED this $\frac{27}{}$ day of March, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attorney for Appellant

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.

That Thomas' Opening Brief is due March 29, 2006.

On appeal from denial of Thomas' Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (Post Conviction), this Court affirmed the conviction but remanded the matter for a second penalty hearing. The jury in the

second penalty hearing found the aggravators outweighed the mitigators and issued a verdict of death. The record on appeal in this matter contains all court documents and transcripts from the trial and first penalty hearing and from the second penalty hearing.

Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 250 the Opening Brief is due 70 days from the date of filing the record on appeal in the Supreme Court.

During January and February Affiant prepared for and represented a defendant in a high-profile capital case, <u>State v. Scholl</u>, Eighth Judicial District Court, Department 9, which lasted more than a week.

That Affiant is just now able to begin to read and review the record on appeal prepared by the clerk's office in State v. Thomas.

That Affiant therefore requests an extension of 60 days, up to and including May 30, 2006 to prepare and file Appellant's Opening Brief. That Affiant makes this request in good faith and not for purposes of delay.

Further Affiant sayeth naught.

DAVID M. SCHIECK

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me

this 4 / day of March, 2006.

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I, KATHLEEN FITZGERALD, do hereby certify that on the 21 day of March, 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 89701-4717.

KATHLEEN FITZGERALD

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