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## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

DIPAK KANTILAL DESAI ) Appellant, ) vs. ) THE STATE OF NEVADA, ) Respondent )

Supreme Court No. 64591

## **Motion for Extension of Time to File Opening Brief**

Appellant Dipak Kantilal Desai, by and through counsel, Franny A.

Forsman, moves for an extension of time within which to file his Opening Brief. This motion is made pursuant to NRAP 31(b). The Opening Brief is currently due on April 11, 2014. No extensions of time have been sought or granted. Notice of Completion and Delivery of Transcripts was filed on March 17, 2014.<sup>1</sup> Appellant seeks an extension of 120 days for the filing of the Opening Brief which would result in a due date of August 9, 2014.

The reasons why an extension is necessary are: 1) due to its length, the transcript was not received until less than 30 days prior to the due date for the Opening Brief; 2) The trial in this case extended over 45 trial days and the transcript exceeds 12,400 pages; 3) the issues to be raised in this appeal will include issues which were raised in extensive pretrial litigation which were the subject of numerous hearings separate from the trial; 4) the legal and factual issues are complex and in several instances, of first impression; 5) the Appellant has been sentenced to life in prison.

Appellant's counsel was retained after the judgment in the case. Although trial counsel remains of record in the appeal, undersigned counsel will be providing the bulk of the legal services in this appeal. Appellate counsel cannot effectively represent Appellant without sufficient time to review the extensive record and the voluminous transcript. Counsel will be utilizing the current, most

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>On January 27, 2014, this court entered an Order denying Appellants' Motion to Consolidate this appeal with that of his co-defendant below, Ronald Lakeman- Appeal No. 64609, but advising counsel that the transcripts previously ordered by co-defendant Lakeman could be utilized by this Appellant.

efficient methods for record review but due to the size of this case, the additional time is still required.

Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2014.

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Dated this 3rd day of April, 2014

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