



## DECLARATION OF SHARON G. DICKINSON

1. I am an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Nevada; I am a deputy public defender assigned to handle the appeal of this matter; I am familiar with the procedural history of this case.

2. The court recorders/reporter's delay in filing requested transcripts until August 2017, resulted in this Court issuing an order granting Cooper additional time and directing him to file his Opening Brief today, December 7, 2017.

3. Today I am asking for a continuance of 30 days to complete and finalize the Opening Brief because I have been unable to communicate fully with Mr. Cooper due to restrictions imposed by the prison. Although I did speak to him briefly yesterday and today, he told me he wants a continuance so he can speak to me in more detail. I had asked for a telephonic visit for today but the prison never set up the visit but he called me through the regular phone system.

4. Mr. Cooper is currently housed at Three Lakes Valley Conservation Camp. Because I had trouble receiving his calls, I agreed to visit him at the prison. When I attempted to schedule two in person visits during November, both were refused and I was told this prison prohibits any attorney-client visits during the week. This prison requires

attorneys to visit their clients during the weekend with the general public. I then attempted to schedule two telephone visits and followed the rules as I was told to do. Again, no results. Today I contacted the assistant warden's office and was told that it appeared I had not been approved. I was told the only group of people at the prison who could approve Mr. Cooper speaking to by way of a telephonic visit were not at work this entire week. Thus, next week I will have to start anew.

5. In the meantime, Mr. Cooper did manage to get a call through to me today and yesterday through the general phone system. Mr. Cooper and I have now set up phone call dates and times to discuss his case through the regular phone system. Thus, I need additional time to finish communicating with him about his case.

6. Additionally, I am a bit behind in writing Mr. Cooper's brief because during September and October I spent time helping a family member, and during November I was not feeling well and hurt my toe. I just finalized another brief last week: Simpson v. State, Case No. 73200, Opening Brief filed on 12/06/17. Furthermore, during October and November I filed briefs in: Mubarek v. State, Case No. 71060, Petition for Rehearing filed on 12/04/17; White v. State, Case No. 73833 and Case No. 71929, filed or worked on several

briefs/motions; Cazares v. State, Case No. 71728, filed Reply on 10/04/17; Miranda-Cruz v. State, Case No. 70960, filed Opening Brief on 11/15/17.

7. This Motion for Extension is made in good faith and not for the purpose of delay. I am requesting a 30 day extension of time within which to complete and file the Opening Brief based on the above circumstances.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

EXECUTED on the 7 day of December, 2017.

/s/ Sharon G. Dickinson  
SHARON G. DICKINSON

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that this document was filed electronically with the Nevada Supreme Court on the 7 day of December, 2017. Electronic Service of the foregoing document shall be made in accordance with the Master Service List as follows:

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I further certify that I served a copy of this document by mailing a true and correct copy thereof, postage pre-paid, addressed to:

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