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MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

#### **ARGUMENT**

Extraordinary Circumstances and Extreme Need Exist to Enlarge the Time to File Appellant's Opening Brief and Appendix

Nevada Rules of Appellate Procedure (NRAP) Rule 31(a) provides that an appellant shall serve and file an opening brief within one hundred and twenty (120) days after the appeal is docketed in the Nevada Supreme Court.

Additionally, NRAP 31(b)(3)(B) provides that this Court may grant an extension of time upon a showing of extraordinary circumstances and extreme need.

Mr. Edwards' Opening Brief and Appendix are currently due on November 29, 2021. This is the third request for an extension of time. Counsel requires additional time to finalize the Opening Brief in this case. Counsel has been diligently preparing for the appeal and preparing the appendix, however, Counsel requires this final brief continuance.

Counsel understands that case load is not ordinarily an excuse that necessitates a continuance. Unforeseen circumstances occurred in Counsel's back-to-back murder trials that spanned the months of August through late October. In *State v. Omar Rueda-Denvers*, Case No. 07C235875-1, a juror tested positive for COVID-19, which caused a mid-trial delay. The scheduling issues then required the State to need an accommodation to handle a different trial, which only gave

Defense Counsel one week between the Rueda-Denvers murder trial and the capital trial in *State v. Contrayer Zone*, Case No. C-16-316686-2, that did not conclude until October 22, 2021. Since that time, Counsel has worked on this appeal and requests this brief continuance to finalize the appeal.

Based upon the record and Counsel's trial schedule, there is an extreme need to extend the time to allow Counsel to finalize the Opening Brief. Therefore, Counsel respectfully requests that this Court extend the time to file the Appellant's Opening Brief and Appendix by twenty-one (21) days.

#### **CONCLUSION**

Based on the foregoing, Counsel requests a twenty-one (21) day extension to file the Opening Brief and Appendix by December 20, 2021.

DATED November 29, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/ Christopher R. Oram Christopher R. Oram, Esq. Nevada Bar No. 4349

#### AFFIDAVIT OF CHRISTOPHER R. ORAM IN SUPPORT OF APPELLANT'S MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE OPENING BRIEF AND APPENDIX

COUNTY OF CLARK	)
STATE OF NEVADA	) ss )

Affiant, CHRISTOPHER R. ORAM, ESQ., being duly sworn, deposes, and states as follows:

- I am an attorney duly licensed to practice law in the State of Nevada. I am
  counsel for the Appellant in the above-entitled matter. I have personal
  knowledge of all matters contained herein and am competent to testify
  thereto.
- 2. Appellant Edwards' Opening Brief and Appendix are currently due on November 29, 2021. This is the third request for an extension of time.
- 3. Counsel understands that a case load is not ordinarily an excuse that necessitates a continuance. Counsel been diligently working to prepare Mr. Edwards' Opening Brief and Appendix. Extreme need has occurred due to Counsel's back to back murder trials that spanned the months of August through late October. In *State v. Omar Rueda-Denvers*, Case No. 07C235875-1, a juror tested positive for COVID-19, which caused a midtrial delay. The scheduling then required the State to need an accommodation to handle a different trial, which resulted in Counsel only having one week between the Rueda-Denvers trial and the capital trial in

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE** I hereby certify and affirm that this document was filed electronically with the Nevada Supreme Court on November 29, 2021. Electronic Service of the foregoing document shall be made in accordance with the Master Service List as follows: AARON FORD Nevada Attorney General STEVEN B. WOLFSON Clark County District Attorney By: /s/ Nancy Medina Law Offices of Christopher R. Oram