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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

JURGEN MARKU,
Petitioner,

v.

STATE OF FLORIDA,
Respondent.

ON PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE FLORIDA FIFTH
DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL

APPLICATION FOR AN ADDITIONAL EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE
PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI

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To the Honorable Clarence Thomas, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States and Circuit Justice for the Eleventh Circuit:

Introduction

Pursuant to this Court's Rule 13.5, the Petitioner, Jurgen Marku, respectfully requests an additional thirty-day extension of time within which to file a petition for a writ of certiorari in this Court, to and including July 1, 2024.

Jurisdiction

The opinion of the Florida Fifth District Court of Appeal affirming the Petitioner's convictions was entered on January 2, 2024. The order of the Florida Fifth District Court of Appeal denying the motion for rehearing was entered on February 2, 2024. Previously, this Court granted a thirty-day extension and extended the Petitioner's deadline to file his petition for a writ of certiorari to June 1, 2024. Undersigned counsel is requesting an additional thirty days by which to file the petition for a writ of certiorari.

The jurisdiction of this Court is invoked under 28 U.S.C. § 1257(a). Copies of the opinion and order of the Florida Fifth District Court of Appeal are included in the appendix to this motion.

Argument

The Petitioner will be seeking certiorari review on the following issue: whether the trial court erred by allowing the jury to be informed that a codefendant entered a guilty plea to murder and robbery charges.

Undersigned counsel's recent circumstances require him to seek an extension of time in this case – as explained below. As stated in the previous motion for an extension, undersigned counsel has been out of his office this spring after his father was hospitalized following emergency brain surgery. Undersigned counsel has now returned to his office and he has begun the process of getting caught up on his filing deadlines (i.e., since being back in the office, undersigned counsel has been – on a daily basis – either filing an appellate brief/trial court pleading, attending an oral argument, or attending a postconviction hearing). Unfortunately, despite undersigned counsel's best efforts, he is still not caught up after being out of his office for two months, and therefore undersigned counsel needs an extension of time in the instant case.

Therefore, the Petitioner requests an additional extension of thirty days to file the petition for a writ of certiorari. No party will be prejudiced by the granting of an additional thirty-day extension in this case.

Accordingly, the Petitioner respectfully requests that an order be entered extending the time to petition for writ of certiorari by thirty days.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Michael Ufferman, a member of the Bar of this Court, hereby certify that on the 20th day of May, 2024, a copy of this Application For Extension of Time To File A Petition For A Writ Of Certiorari in the above-entitled case was mailed, first class postage prepaid, to the Office of the Attorney General, PL-01, The Capitol, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050 (counsel for the Respondent herein). I further certify that all parties required to be served have been served.

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FIFTH DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL
STATE OF FLORIDA

Case No. 5D23-377
LT Case No. 2021-CF-10250

JURGEN MARKU,

Appellant,

v.

STATE OF FLORIDA,

Appellee.

On appeal from the Circuit Court for Duval County.
Adrian G. Soud, Judge.

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January 2, 2024

PER CURIAM.

AFFIRMED.

WALLIS, LAMBERT, and EISNAUGLE, JJ., concur.

*Not final until disposition of any timely and
authorized motion under Fla. R. App. P. 9.330 or
9.331.*

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA
FIFTH DISTRICT

JURGEN MARKU,

Appellant,

v.

CASE NO. 5D23-0377
LT CASE NO. 2021CF10250

STATE OF FLORIDA,

Appellee.

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DATE: February 02, 2024

BY ORDER OF THE COURT:

ORDERED that Appellant's "Motion for Rehearing/Issuance of
Written Opinion," filed January 17, 2024, is denied.

*I hereby certify that the foregoing is
(a true copy of) the original Court order.*

Sandra B. Williams



SANDRA B. WILLIAMS, CLERK

Panel: Judges Wallis, Lambert and Eisnaugle

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