

I IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS

UNITED STATES,

Appellee

v.

Private (E-1)  
**LUKE A. WATKINS,**  
United States Army,  
Appellant

**MOTION FOR EXTENSION  
REPLY BRIEF**

Docket No. ARMY 20210638

Tried at Fort Hood, Texas, on 12 August, 27 September, 30 November, and 1–3 December 2021, before a general court-martial appointed by Commander, III Corps and Fort Hood, Lieutenant Colonel Tiffany D. Pond, military judge, presiding.

TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF THE  
UNITED STATES ARMY COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS

COME NOW the undersigned appellate defense counsel, pursuant to Rules 23 and 24 of this court's Rules of Appellate Procedure and move for a 14-day extension of time until 12 July 2023 to file a Brief on Behalf of Appellant.

1. Consistent with Army Regulation 27-26, Rules of Professional Conduct for Lawyers, the undersigned counsel request additional time to ensure that counsel have diligently investigated, thoroughly researched, and appropriately briefed the assignments of error in this case in order to fulfill counsel's ethical obligation to represent the appellant's interest.
2. This is a contested panel case with mixed findings. The record of trial with exhibits and allied papers is approximately 1,880 pages, which includes 715 pages of trial transcript. The sentence adjudged on 3 December 2021 included confinement for 140 days and a bad conduct discharge.
3. Appellant's reply brief is currently due on 28 June 2023.

4. The previous counsel filed a Consolidated Motion to Withdraw and transfer the case to the undersigned counsel and the action was accepted and pending as of 21 June 2023.

5. The undersigned counsel request additional time to review the record, research issues, confer with appellant, and conduct supervisory review.

WHEREFORE, appellate defense counsel respectfully request that this court grant the instant motion.

PANEL NO. 3

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GRANTED: 

DENIED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: 27 June 2023



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**CERTIFICATE OF FILING AND SERVICE**

I certify that a copy of the foregoing was electronically submitted to Army  
Court and Government Appellate Division on June 23, 2023.



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