

IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS

UNITED STATES,
Appellee

**MOTION FOR EXTENSION (1)
TO FILE APPELLEE BRIEF**

v.

Docket No. ARMY 20240254

Lieutenant Colonel (O-5)
ASHLEY R. ELLIS,
United States Army,
Appellant

Tried at Fort Belvoir, Virginia on 20
February, 12 April, and 13-17 May
2024, before general court-martial
appointed by the Commander, U.S.
Army Garrison, Fort Belvoir, Colonel
Adam Kazin, Military Judge,
presiding.

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

COMES NOW the undersigned appellate government counsel, pursuant to
Rules 23 and 24.1(a) of this Honorable Court's Rules of Appellate Procedure and
moves for a 30-day extension of time, until 15 February 2024, to file the
government's brief on behalf of appellee. The government requests this extension
of time for the following reasons:

1. The government's brief is currently due 16 January 2024.
2. On 17 May 2024, appellant was convicted, contrary to his plea, of a
single charge and specification of conduct unbecoming an officer, in violation of
Article 133, Uniform Code of Military Justice. The military judge sentenced
appellant to a reprimand the same day.

3. The record for this case is over 3,500 pages including over 1,400 pages of transcript with the issues raised permeating the record, as Defense Appellate Counsel states in its request to file a brief in excess of 50 pages. Appellant's brief is 86 pages, including 51 pages submitted by Defense Appellate Counsel and another 20 pages submitted directly by Appellant via *US v. Grostefon*.

4. The undersigned counsel is a Branch Chief for the Government Appellate Division and assumed responsibility for this case on 18 December 2024, days before the Holiday Block Leave period ending on 6 January 2025 during which Government Counsel had preapproved leave. The undersigned currently supervises five appellate attorneys with a total of 7 briefs to review and edit. Additionally, all federal government offices in the National Capital Region closed on 6, 7, and 9 January twice due to inclement weather and once for a National Day of Mourning in response to the passing of President Jimmy Carter. Appellant defense counsel submitted a 30-day extension on 13 November 2024, which was subsequently granted.

5. Government counsel requests this extension to ensure an effective review process and to respond to appellant's assignments of error fully and thoroughly.

6. Defense counsel opposes this motion.

WHEREFORE, the government respectfully requests that the Court grant this motion.

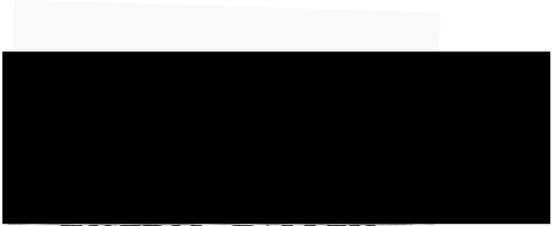
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GRANTED: _____

DENIED: _____

DATE: _____



JUSTIN L. TALLEY
MAJ, JA
Branch Chief
Government Appellate Division

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE, U.S. v. ELLIS (20240254)

I certify that a copy of the foregoing was sent via electronic submission to the
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