

**IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS**

UNITED STATES

Appellee

**MOTION FOR EXTENSION (3)**

v.

Docket No. ARMY 20250330

Specialist (E-4)

**JOVAUGHN STEWART,**

United States Army,

Appellant

Tried at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, on 16-18 June 2025, before a general court-martial appointed by the Commander, Headquarters, Fort Bragg, Colonel G. Bret Batdorff, 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 this court to grant appellant's Motion for Extension of Time. The undersigned appellate defense counsel request a 30-day extension of time until 9 April 2026 to file a Brief on Behalf of Appellant. The Brief on Behalf of Appellant is currently due on 10 March 2026. Pursuant to Rule 24.1(b), the undersigned counsel assert:

1. On 17 June 2025, a military judge sitting as a general court-martial convicted appellant, Specialist Jovaughn Stewart, in accordance with his pleas, of eight specifications of one charge in violation of Article 120b, Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ); thirteen specifications of one charge in violation of Article 134, UCMJ; and eight specifications of one charge in violation of Article

80, UCMJ. (Statement of Trial Results; R. at 340-41 and 1141; Charge Sheet). On 18 June 2025, the military judge sentenced appellant to be reduced to the grade of E-1, confined for 50 years, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, and to be dishonorably discharged from the service. (R. at 521-24).

On 30 July 2025, the convening authority took no action on the findings and adjudged sentence and disapproved requests for deferment of reduction in grade and confinement. (Convening Authority Action). On 4 August 2025, the military judge entered Judgment. (Judgment of the Court). This court docketed appellant's case on 11 September 2025. (Referral and Designation of Counsel).

2. Appellant's record of trial was assigned to counsel in the Defense Appellate Division on 11 September 2025 and is 1,785 pages long. The current due date is 10 March 2026. Appellant concurs with this request for delay.

3. The first undersigned counsel was assigned to this case on 3 October 2025. In the thirty days comprising extension, the first undersigned counsel has filed or reviewed the following: *United States v. Jones*, 20240616; *United States v. Nelson*, 20250399; *United States v. Wilson*, 20250169; *United States v. Wecker*, 20240211; *United States v. Grisby* (Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces); *United States v. White* (Court of Appeals for the Armed Forced); and *United States v. Robinson* (Court of Appeals for the Armed Forced). Additionally, first undersigned counsel has participated in three moots and one Leader Professional

Development (LPD) seminar; had unscheduled leave from 9-13 February 2026, due to a family emergency); and paternity leave beginning on 17 February 2026 for the birth of his child.

4. Consistent with Army Reg. 27-26, Rules of Professional Conduct for Lawyers, undersigned request additional time to ensure that all due diligence has been done to adequately review, investigate, research, and draft matters on behalf of appellant, as well as fulfill counsel's ethical obligation to represent his interests.

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

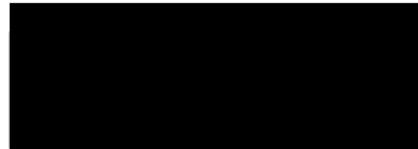
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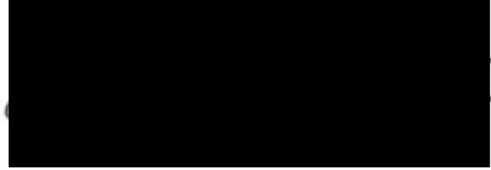
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**CERTIFICATE OF FILING AND SERVICE**

I certify that a copy of the foregoing was electronically submitted to  
Army Court and Government Appellate Division on March 5, 2026.



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