UNITED STATES	)	No. ACM S32791
Appellee	)	
	)	
v.	)	
	)	ORDER
Christopher M. HATFIELD	)	
Technical Sergeant (E-6)	)	
U.S. Air Force	)	
Appellant	)	Panel 1

On 7 November 2024, counsel for Appellant submitted a Motion for Enlargement of Time (First) requesting an additional 60 days to submit Appellant's assignments of error. The Government opposed the motion.

The court has considered Appellant's motion, the Government's opposition, case law, and this court's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

Accordingly, it is by the court on this 13th day of November, 2024,

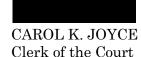
#### **ORDERED:**

Appellant's Motion for Enlargement of Time (First) is **GRANTED**. Appellant shall file any assignments of error not later than **18 January 2025**.

Each request for an enlargement of time will be considered on its merits. Appellant's counsel is advised that any subsequent motions for enlargement of time shall include, in addition to matters required under this court's Rules of Practice and Procedure, statements as to: (1) whether Appellant was advised of Appellant's right to a timely appeal, (2) whether Appellant was provided an update of the status of counsel's progress on Appellant's case, (3) whether Appellant was advised of the request for an enlargement of time, and (4) whether Appellant agrees with the request for an enlargement of time.



#### FOR THE COURT



UNITED STATES,	)	<b>APPELLANT'S MOTION FOR</b>
Appellee,	)	ENLARGEMENT OF TIME (FIRST)
	)	
V.	)	Before Panel No. 1
	)	
Technical Sergeant (E-6)	)	No. ACM S32791
CHRISTOPHER M. HATFIELD,	)	
United States Air Force,	)	7 November 2024
Appellant.	)	

#### TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS:

Pursuant to Rule 23.3(m)(l) and (2) of this Honorable Comi's Rules of Practice and Procedure, Appellant hereby moves for a first enlargement of time to file an Assignments ofEnor (AOE). Appellant requests an enlargement for a period of 60 days, which will end on **18 January 2025.** The record of trial was docketed with this Comi on 20 September 2024. From the date of docketing to the present date, 48 days have elapsed. On the date requested, 120 days will have elapsed.

**WHEREFORE**, Appellant respectfully requests that this Honorable Comi grant the requested first enlargement of time.

Respectfully submitted,

I certify that the original and copies of the foregoing were sent via email to the Comi and

served on the Government Trial and Appellate Operations Division on 7 November 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

UNITED STATES,	)	UNITED STATES' GENERAL
Appellee,	)	OPPOSITION TO APPELLANT'S
	)	MOTION FOR ENLARGEMENT
V.	)	OF TIME
	)	
Technical Sergeant (E-6)	)	ACM S32791
CHRISTOPHER M. HATFIELD, USAF,	)	
Appellant.	)	Panel No. 1
	)	

### TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS:

Pursuant to Rule 23.2 of this Court's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the United States

hereby enters its general opposition to Appellant's Motion for Enlargement of Time to file an

Assignment of Error in this case.

WHEREFORE, the United States respectfully requests that this Court deny Appellant's

enlargement motion.



I certify that a copy of the foregoing was delivered to the Court and to the Air Force

Appellate Defense Division on <u>12 November 2024</u>.



UNITED STATES,	)	<b>APPELLANT'S MOTION FOR</b>
Appellee,	)	ENLARGEMENT OF TIME (SECOND)
v.	)	Before Panel No. 1
Technical Sergeant (E-6)	)	No. ACM \$32791
CHRISTOPHER M. HATFIELD,	)	
United States Air Force,	)	11 January 2025
Appellant.	)	

### TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS:

Pursuant to Rule 23.3(m)(3) and (4) of this Honorable Court's Rules of Practice and Procedure, Appellant hereby moves for a second enlargement of time to file an Assignments of Error (AOE). Appellant requests an enlargement for a period of 30 days, which will end on **17 February 2025**. The record of trial was docketed with this Court on 20 September 2024. From the date of docketing to the present date, 113 days have elapsed. On the date requested, 150 days will have elapsed.

On 22 February 2024, a military judge sitting as a special court-martial at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, convicted Appellant, consistent with his pleas, of one charge and three specifications of domestic violence in violation of Article 128b, Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ), 10 U.S.C. § 928b. R. at 61, Record of Trial (ROT) Vol. 1, Entry of Judgment, 11 March 2024 (EOJ). The military judge sentenced Appellant to reduction to the grade of E-1, confinement for ten months, and a bad-conduct discharge. R. at 113; EOJ. The convening authority took no action on the findings or the sentence. ROT Vol. 1, Convening Authority Decision on Action – *United States v. TSgt Christopher M. Hatfield*, 5 March 2024.

The record of trial is two volumes consisting of three prosecution exhibits, seven defense exhibits, one court exhibit, and four appellate exhibits; the transcript is 113 pages. Appellant is not cunently confined.

Through no fault of Appellant, undersigned counsel has been unable to complete his review and prepare a brief for Appellant's case. An enlargement of time is necessaiy to allow counsel to fully review Appellant's case and advise Appellant regai ding potential enors. Appellant has not been advised of his right to a timely appeal, was not provided an update of the status of counsel's progress on Appellant's case, was not consulted with regai d to enlargements ohime, and has not expressed agreement or disagreement with requests for enlargements of time.

**WHEREFORE**, Appellant respectfully requests that this Honorable Comi grant the requested second enlargement of time for good cause shown.

Respectfully submitted,



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served on the Government Trial and Appellate Operations Division on 11 Janualy 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

)	UNITED STATES' GENERAL
)	<b>OPPOSITION TO APPELLANT'S</b>
)	MOTION FOR ENLARGEMENT
)	OF TIME
)	
)	ACM S32791
)	
)	Panel No. 1
)	
	) ) ) ) ) )

## TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS:

Pursuant to Rule 23.2 of this Court's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the United States

hereby enters its general opposition to Appellant's Motion for Enlargement of Time to file an

Assignment of Error in this case.

WHEREFORE, the United States respectfully requests that this Court deny Appellant's

enlargement motion.



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Appellate Defense Division on <u>14 January 2025</u>.



UNITED STATES,	)	<b>APPELLANT'S MOTION FOR</b>
Appellee,	)	ENLARGEMENT OF TIME (THIRD)
	)	
V.	)	Before Panel No. 1
	)	
Technical Sergeant (E-6)	)	No. ACM S32791
CHRISTOPHER M. HATFIELD,	)	
United States Air Force,	)	7 February 2025
Appellant.	)	-

### TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS:

Pursuant to Rule 23.3(m)(3) and (4) of this Honorable Court's Rules of Practice and Procedure, Appellant hereby moves for a third enlargement of time to file an Assignments of Error (AOE). Appellant requests an enlargement for a period of 30 days, which will end on **19 March 2025**. The record of trial was docketed with this Court on 20 September 2024. From the date of docketing to the present date, 140 days have elapsed. On the date requested, 180 days will have elapsed.

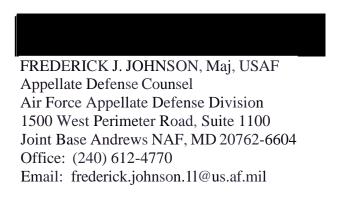
On 22 February 2024, a military judge sitting as a special court-martial at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, convicted Appellant, consistent with his pleas, of one charge and three specifications of domestic violence in violation of Article 128b, Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ), 10 U.S.C. § 928b. R. at 61, Record of Trial (ROT) Vol. 1, Entry of Judgment, 11 March 2024 (EOJ). The military judge sentenced Appellant to reduction to the grade of E-1, confinement for ten months, and a bad-conduct discharge. R. at 113; EOJ. The convening authority took no action on the findings or the sentence. ROT Vol. 1, Convening Authority Decision on Action – *United States v. TSgt Christopher M. Hatfield*, 5 March 2024.

The record of trial is two volumes consisting of three prosecution exhibits, seven defense exhibits, one court exhibit, and four appellate exhibits; the transcript is 113 pages. Appellant is not cunently confined.

Through no fault of Appellant, undersigned counsel has been unable to complete his review and prepare a brief for Appellant's case. An enlargement of time is necessaiy to allow counsel to fully review Appellant's case and advise Appellant regai-ding potential enors. Appellant has not been advised of his right to a timely appeal, was not provided an update of the status of counsel's progress on Appellant's case, was not consulted with regai-d to enlargements ohime, and has not expressed agreement or disagreement with requests for enlargements of time.

**WHEREFORE**, Appellant respectfully requests that this Honorable Comi grant the requested third enlai gement of time for good cause shown.

Respectfully submitted,



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served on the Government Trial and Appellate Operations Division on 7 Februa1y 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

)	UNITED STATES' GENERAL
)	<b>OPPOSITION TO APPELLANT'S</b>
)	MOTION FOR ENLARGEMENT
)	OF TIME
)	
)	ACM S32791
)	
)	Panel No. 1
)	
	) ) ) ) ) )

## TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS:

Pursuant to Rule 23.2 of this Court's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the United States

hereby enters its general opposition to Appellant's Motion for Enlargement of Time to file an

Assignment of Error in this case.

WHEREFORE, the United States respectfully requests that this Court deny Appellant's

enlargement motion.



I certify that a copy of the foregoing was delivered to the Court and to the Air Force

Appellate Defense Division on <u>11 February 2025</u>.



) APPELLANT'S MOTION FOR
) ENLARGEMENT OF TIME (FOURTH)
) Before Panel No. 1
) No. ACM \$32791
)
) 11 March 2025
)

### TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS:

Pursuant to Rule 23.3(m)(3) and (6) of this Honorable Court's Rules of Practice and Procedure, Appellant hereby moves for a fourth enlargement of time to file an Assignments of Error (AOE). Appellant requests an enlargement for a period of 30 days, which will end on **18 April 2025**. The record of trial was docketed with this Court on 20 September 2024. From the date of docketing to the present date, 172 days have elapsed. On the date requested, 210 days will have elapsed.

On 22 February 2024, a military judge sitting as a special court-martial at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, convicted Appellant, consistent with his pleas, of one charge and three specifications of domestic violence in violation of Article 128b, Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ), 10 U.S.C. § 928b. R. at 61, Record of Trial (ROT) Vol. 1, Entry of Judgment, 11 March 2024 (EOJ). The military judge sentenced Appellant to reduction to the grade of E-1, confinement for ten months, and a bad-conduct discharge. R. at 113; EOJ. The convening authority took no action on the findings or the sentence. ROT Vol. 1, Convening Authority Decision on Action – *United States v. TSgt Christopher M. Hatfield*, 5 March 2024.

The record of trial is two volumes consisting of three prosecution exhibits, seven defense exhibits, one court exhibit, and four appellate exhibits; the transcript is 113 pages. Appellant is not currently confined. Undersigned counsel has not yet begun reviewing the record of trial in this case.

Counsel is currently representing 36 clients; 21 clients are pending initial AOEs before this Court. Additionally, two clients have upcoming oral arguments, and one additional client has an upcoming petition for a grant of review, all before the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces (CAAF).<sup>1</sup> Fourteen matters currently have priority over this case:

- United States v. Taylor, ACM 40371, USCA Dkt. No. 24-0234/AF The record of trial is six volumes consisting of six prosecution exhibits, one court exhibit, 12 defense exhibits, and 36 appellate exhibits; the transcript is 396 pages. Undersigned counsel is drafting a supplemental reply brief and preparing to present oral argument as lead counsel before the CAAF in this case on 19 March 2025.
- United States v. Cadavona, ACM 40476 The record of trial is four volumes consisting of 11 prosecution exhibits, two defense exhibits, and 24 appellate exhibits; the transcript is 329 pages. Undersigned counsel is preparing to petition the CAAF for a grant of review in this case.
- United States v. Patterson, ACM 40426, USCA Dkt. No. 25-0073/AF The record of trial is 8 volumes consisting of 12 prosecution exhibits, eight defense exhibits, two court exhibits, and 75 appellate exhibits; the transcript is 987 pages. Undersigned

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Since the filing of Appellant's last request for an enlargement of time, counsel conducted three practice oral arguments and presented oral argument as lead counsel before the CAAF in *U.S. v. Navarro Aguirre*, ACM 40354, USCA Dkt. No. 24-0146/AF; reviewed approximately 15 percent of the seven-volume record of trial in *U.S. v. Haymond*, ACM 40588; prepared and filed a 13-page reply brief to the CAAF and conducted a practice oral argument in *U.S. v. Taylor*, ACM 40371, USCA Dkt. No. 24-0234/AF; prepared and filed a 28-page answer to the CAAF in *U.S. v. Patterson*, ACM 40426, USCA Dkt. No. 25-0073/AF; and participated in ten practice oral arguments for four additional cases. Additionally, counsel was off for the Washington's Birthday holiday.

counsel is preparing to present oral argument as lead counsel before the CAAF in this case on 9 April 2025.

- 4) United States v. Haymond, ACM 40588 The record of trial is seven volumes consisting of five prosecution exhibits, seven defense exhibits, 42 appellate exhibits, and one court exhibit; the transcript is 689 pages. Undersigned counsel has reviewed approximately 20 percent of the record of trial in this case.
- 5) *United States v. Harnar*, ACM 40559 The record of trial is three volumes consisting of five prosecution exhibits, 14 defense exhibits, six appellate exhibits, and two court exhibits; the transcript is 106 pages. Undersigned counsel has not yet begun reviewing the record of trial in this case.
- 6) United States v. Driskill, ACM 39889 (rem) The record of trial is 14 volumes consisting of 14 prosecution exhibits, four defense exhibits, and 169 appellate exhibits; the transcript is 2,062 pages. Undersigned counsel needs to conduct additional review of the record of trial to prepare a brief on remand in this case.
- 7) *United States v. Keilberg*, ACM 40601 The record of trial is four volumes consisting of 13 prosecution exhibits, one defense exhibit, and seven appellate exhibits; the transcript is 118 pages. Undersigned counsel has not yet begun reviewing the record of trial in this case.
- 8) United States v. Banks, ACM 24057 The record of trial is seven volumes consisting of ten prosecution exhibits, 16 defense exhibits, and 30 appellate exhibits; the transcript is 985 pages. Undersigned counsel has begun reviewing the record of trial in this case.
- 9) *United States v. Jackson*, ACM S32780 The record of trial is five volumes consisting of 12 prosecution exhibits, 13 defense exhibits, five appellate exhibits, and one court

exhibit; the transcript is 122 pages. Undersigned counsel has not yet begun reviewing the record of trial in this case.

- 10) United States v. Smith, ACM 40437 (f rev) The record of trial is four volumes consisting of seven prosecution exhibits, ten defense exhibits, and 29 appellate exhibits; the transcript is 338 pages. Undersigned counsel has not yet begun reviewing the record of trial in this case.
- 11) United States v. Nelson, ACM 24042 The record of trial is three volumes consisting of 15 prosecution exhibits, one defense exhibit, and 17 appellate exhibits; the transcript is 336 pages. Undersigned counsel has not yet begun reviewing the record of trial in this case.
- 12) *United States v. Simmons*, ACM 40658 The record of trial is four volumes consisting of five prosecution exhibits, four defense exhibits, three court exhibits, and 38 appellate exhibits; the transcript is 248 pages. Undersigned counsel has not yet begun reviewing the record of trial in this case.
- 13) *United States v. Myslow*, ACM 40668 The record of trial is three volumes consisting of three prosecution exhibits, six defense exhibits, and five appellate exhibits; the transcript is 85 pages. Undersigned counsel has not yet begun reviewing the record of trial in this case.
- 14) *United States v. Payton*, ACM 40669 The record of trial is five volumes consisting of three prosecution exhibits, five defense exhibits, and three appellate exhibits; the transcript is 175 pages. Undersigned counsel has not yet begun reviewing the record of trial in this case.

Through no fault of Appellant, undersigned counsel has been unable to complete his review and prepare a brief for Appellant's case. An enlargement of time is necessaiy to allow counsel to fully review Appellant's case and advise Appellant regarding potential enors. Appellant was advised of his right to a timely appeal, was provided an update of the status of counsel's progress on Appellant's case, was consulted with regai d to enlargements of time, and agrees with this request for an enlai gement of time.

**WHEREFORE**, Appellant respectfully requests that this Honorable Comi grant the requested fomih enlargement of time for good cause shown.

Respectfully submitted,

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served on the Government Trial and Appellate Operations Division on 11 March 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

UNITED STATES,	)	UNITED STATES' GENERAL
	)	OPPOSITION TO
Appellee,	)	APPELLANT'S MOTION FOR
	)	ENLARGEMENT OF TIME
v.	)	
	)	Before Panel No. 1
Technical Sergeant (E-6)	)	
CHRISTOPHER M. HATFIELD	)	No. ACM S32791
United States Air Force.	)	
Appellant.	)	12 March 2025

# TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS:

Pursuant to Rule 23.2 of this Court's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the United States

hereby enters its general opposition to Appellant's Motion for Enlargement of Time to file an

Assignment of Error in this case.

WHEREFORE, the United States respectfully requests that this Court deny Appellant's

enlargement motion.



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I certify that a copy of the foregoing was delivered to the Court and to the Air Force

Appellate Defense Division on <u>12 March 2025</u>.



KATE E. LEE, Maj, USAF Appellate Government Counsel Government Trial & Appellate Operations 1500 W. Perimeter Road, Suite 1190 Joint Base Andrews, MD DSN: 612-4809

UNITED STATES,	)	<b>APPELLANT'S MOTION TO</b>
Appellee,	)	WITHDRAW FROM APPELLATE
	)	<b>REVIEW AND MOTION TO ATTACH</b>
	)	
V.	)	Before Panel No. 1
	)	
Technical Sergeant (E-6)	)	No. ACM S32791
CHRISTOPHER M. HATFIELD,	)	
United States Air Force,	)	15 April 2025
Appellant.	)	-

## TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS:

Pursuant to Rule 16 of this Honorable Court's Rules of Practice and Procedure, and Rule for Courts-Martial (R.C.M.) 1115, Appellant, Technical Sergeant Christopher M. Hatfield, hereby moves to withdraw his case from appellate review. Appellant has fully consulted with Major Frederick Johnson, his appellate defense counsel, regarding this motion to withdraw. No person has compelled, coerced, or induced Appellant by force, promises of clemency, or otherwise to withdraw his case from appellate review.

Further, pursuant to Rules 23(b) and 23.3(b) of this Honorable Court's Rules of Practice and Procedure, Appellant asks this Court to attach the six-page document appended to this pleading to Appellant's Record of Trial. The document is Appellant's completed Department of Defense Form 2330, *Waiver/Withdrawal of Appellate Rights in General and Special Courts-Martial Subject to Review by a Court of Criminal Appeals*, to include the entry of judgment referenced in the top line of the form, and is therefore necessary to comply with R.C.M. 1115(d) and Rule 16.1 of this Honorable Court's Rules of Practice and Procedure. WHEREFORE, this Honorable Comishould grant this motion to withdraw from appellate

review and attach the requested docmnent to the record.

Respectfully submitted,

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Counsel for Appellant

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served on the Government Trial and Appellate Operations Division on 15 April 2025.

Respectfully submitted,