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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)	IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
)	NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF CHARLESTON)	CASE #: 2020-CP-10-00680
)	
IN THE MATTER OF THE)	
CARE AND TREATMENT OF)	**ORDER OF COMMITMENT**
ANTONIO D. PATTERSON,)	
)	
RESPONDENT.)	

The bench trial of this case was held in the Charleston County Court of Common Pleas the week of July 25, 2022. Suzanne J. Shaw and Christopher Runyan from the Attorney General's Office represented the State and Melisa W. Gay, Esquire, represented the Respondent. The Court having heard the presentation of the evidence made the following findings of fact pursuant to S. C. Code Ann. Sections 44-48-90 and 44-48-100:

Dr. Gehle, of the S.C. Department of Mental Health, offered an expert opinion as to Respondent's likelihood to reoffend. She was the State's only witness. Respondent and a friend, Mr. Watts, testified on his behalf. While Mr. Watts' testimony was helpful as to Respondent's work history and general demeanor prior to his incarceration, he could not offer an opinion as to the relevant elements under the SC SVP Act.

Therefore, I find the State has proven beyond a reasonable doubt that Respondent, Antonio Dieargo Patterson, is a sexually violent predator as that term is defined in S. C. Code Ann. Section 44-48-30.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(a) Respondent, Antonio Dieargo Patterson is committed to the South Carolina Department of Mental Health for his long-term control, care and treatment;

(b) Respondent, Antonio Dieargo Patterson is to continue to be detained at the Charleston County Detention Center, and then transported to the secure facility of the Department of Mental Health. The Detention Center or the Sheriff's Department is to transport Respondent on such scheduled date as is coordinated with the Department of Mental Health.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED

JENNIFER B. MCCOY
Presiding Judge
Ninth Judicial Circuit
Court of Common Pleas

July 28, 2022
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