STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)	IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
)	SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF YORK)	CASE #: 2021-CP-46-03109
)	
IN THE MATTER OF THE)	
CARE AND TREATMENT OF;)	
)	**ORDER OF COMMITMENT**
MERRILLD C. STEWART,)	
)	
RESPONDENT.)	

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The trial of this case was held in the York County Court of Common Pleas the week of January 16, 2022. A jury of citizens from York County heard this case pursuant to a request for a jury trial filed by the State. Suzanne J. Shaw from the Attorney General's Office represented the State and the Respondent was represented by Don A. Thompson. The jury, having heard the presentation of the evidence made the following findings of fact pursuant to S. C. Code Ann. §§ 44-48-90 and 44-48-100:

The State has proven beyond a reasonable doubt that Respondent, Merrilld C. Stewart 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, Merrilld C. Stewart is committed to the South Carolina Department of Mental Health for long-term control, care and treatment;

(b) Respondent, Merrilld C. Stewart, is to continue to be detained at the York 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.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DANIEL DEWITT HALL
Presiding Judge
Sixteenth Judicial Circuit
Court of Common Pleas

February 14, 2023
York, South Carolina

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