

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
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COUNTY OF YORK )  
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State of South Carolina, )  
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Appellant, )  
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- vs - )  
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Nathan Jarrod Thomas, )  
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Respondent. )  
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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
Case No. 2023MH4600348

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NOTICE OF APPEAL

**TO: THE HONORABLE JUDGE CAROLYN E. WOODRUFF, YORK COUNTY PROBATE COURT, and THOMAS B. ROPER, ATTORNEY FOR THE RESPONDENT, and TO THE RESPONDENT ABOVE NAMED.**

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA in the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, by and through Deputy Solicitor John C. Anthony, hereby appeals, to the Court of Common Pleas for York County, the rulings of the York County Probate Court Judge Carolyn E. Woodruff: Judgment and Order and Addendum A to Judgment and Order (Case No. 223MH4600348) regarding Nathan Jarrod Thomas. Respondent is represented by court-appointed counsel Thomas B. Roper. The written Judgment and Order and Addendum A were entered by Judge Carolyn E. Woodruff on October 24, 2023 after a hearing on September 1, 2023.

This appeal is made on the following grounds:

1. That the record at the Probate Court was incomplete, in that none of the three examiners who evaluated the Respondent were present to provide testimony or answer questions regarding the process of their evaluations or the reasons for their determinations.
2. That no evidence was proffered to the Court that would allow the Court to make a finding that the Respondent was no longer acting under the delusion that rendered him homicidal, and thus no determination can be made that he is not a continuing danger to others requiring involuntary in-patient treatment.

3. That the Respondent's testimony at the hearing indicated that he still held a firm belief in the same delusions that led to him committing homicide against an innocent individual, while under a mistaken belief that Respondent was acting in defense of his Mother.
4. That the Defendant cannot safely reside with his Mother, as he has already committed a homicide under the delusional belief that the Victim was a threat to her.
5. That there are no conditions of out-patient treatment which could adequately provide for the safety of the community, given the Respondent's continued belief in delusions that caused him to commit homicide and the extreme likelihood of serious harm to others if the Respondent is released.

For all of the above reasons, the Judgment and Order and Addendum A to the Judgment and Order should be reviewed and amended to require in-patient treatment.

Respectfully Submitted,

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