

The South Carolina Court of Appeals

The State, Respondent,

v.

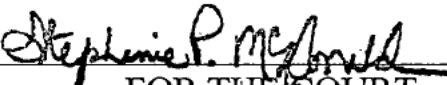
Stephen Mark Pressley, Respondent.

In re: Victims Jane Doe 1, Jane Doe 2, and Jane Doe 3,
Appellants.

Appellate Case No. 2023-001745

ORDER

Appellants served a notice of appeal from a circuit court order granting Respondent Pressley's motion to compel disclosure of records. Appellants subsequently moved for a stay of the circuit court's order pending the appeal. Respondent Pressley filed a return opposing a stay, and Appellants filed a reply. After careful consideration, we remand the motion for a stay to the circuit court for consideration. *See* Rule 241(d)(1), SCACR ("Except where extraordinary circumstances make it impracticable, an application for an order lifting the automatic stay or for supersedeas must first be made to the lower court or administrative tribunal which entered the order or decision on appeal."). We hold this appeal in abeyance and remand to the circuit court to review the challenged records in camera, hear Appellant's motion for a stay on an expedited basis, and issue an order setting forth findings of fact and conclusions law. The parties shall notify this court immediately upon the issuance of an order, and Appellants may then renew their motion with this court.


FOR THE COURT

Columbia, South Carolina

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