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COUNTY OF OCONEE CASE NO.:2024-CP-37-00451

**** TRANSCRIPTION OF DIGITAL COURTROOM ****

July 17, 2024

BEFORE: The Honorable Lawton McIntosh

JASON MICHAEL BOYLE,

Plaintiff,

vs.

DANNY SINGLETON, et. al,

Defendants.

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P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 THE COURT: All right. I want to take up
3 your motion for a continuance before we get --
4 before we go into the other substantive motions.

5 MR. LOGAN: Yes, sir. I've only recently
6 been involved in this case. I have -- one of the
7 three motions that he's now filed, I was originally
8 only aware of two, but as of this morning,
9 apparently -- or last night late -- he filed
10 another motion.

11 THE COURT: Well, that's not before the
12 Court.

13 MR. LOGAN: Not at this point, no, sir. The
14 two that are before the Court, one will be -- or
15 our response -- the easiest response to that one
16 will be a copy of the transcript of the hearing
17 that he's complained about. I have ordered that
18 transcript from Legal Eagle. I got from some
19 source a copy of the transcript, but it's not from
20 Legal Eagle. The official court source is that
21 from Legal Eagle. I have asked for it to be
22 expedited, and I should have it shortly. Plus, the
23 fact I've just recently been involved.

24 And the other one that's on this roster, the
25 motion for summary judgment, was not personally

1 served until -- well, I've got a copy of it now,
2 but it's -- was not only -- my client only received
3 it -- received it by -- somebody brought it to him
4 from the clerk's office, you know, by filing, only
5 five days ago. So based upon that information --

6 THE COURT: Let me just ask you: This is an
7 appeal from the probate court, right?

8 MR. LOGAN: Yes, sir.

9 THE COURT: So how could I entertain a motion
10 for summary judgment?

11 MR. LOGAN: Well, that is what I raised.
12 This is not the appropriate -- that's not the
13 appropriate motion to make. An appeal is what has
14 been filed, so you could not.

15 THE COURT: And here's the issue that I want
16 to -- I think that your motion for a continuance is
17 well-founded, but the concern I have is that this
18 gentleman is sitting in the jailhouse while
19 everything is pending.

20 MR. LOGAN: I understand. I understand.

21 THE COURT: So my idea would be that -- you
22 know, he may go back, but to give him an appeal
23 bond today, let him out until this matter is
24 resolved.

25 If he looses, you go back and serve your

1 sentence. If you don't, you don't.

2 But I hate to see him serve a sentence. If
3 it gets reversed, he's already served it. You
4 can't undo it and un-ring that bell. So my idea
5 today would be for him to put up an appeal bond
6 while this is pending.

7 I mean, any position one way or the other
8 about that?

9 MR. LOGAN: Can I -- can I talk to Judge
10 Singleton as soon as he gets back? I had asked him
11 to go get some additional material for me for this.

12 I, personally, don't have a problem with that
13 as long as he's going to be assured to show up and
14 whatnot.

15 THE COURT: Well, he'll have to post a bond.
16 Do you have assets to put up money for a
17 bond?

18 MR. BOYLE: No, sir. Due to these events,
19 I'm completely broke. My only bank account has
20 like, I think, about \$900.

21 THE COURT: Are you married?

22 MR. BOYLE: No, sir. I'm engaged.

23 THE COURT: Do you have access to come up
24 with a bond?

25 MR. BOYLE: No, sir, not monetarily.

1 THE COURT: Well, you are going to have to
2 come up with something, okay.

3 MR. BOYLE: I mean, yeah. I don't know.

4 THE COURT: Okay.

5 MR. BOYLE: I only have 20 days left on this
6 sentence. I think the proper thing to do is
7 release me on my personal recognizance.

8 THE COURT: Well, I'm not asking you for your
9 argument right now, but I'll get there, okay.

10 MR. BOYLE: Thank you, sir.

11 THE COURT: Do you need to take a minute and
12 talk to somebody?

13 MR. LOGAN: Yes, sir. I thought they would
14 be right back, but I do.

15 THE COURT: All right. Just leave him here,
16 okay. Don't get up and walk around. Just stay
17 right where you are. If you need something, let me
18 know.

19 MR. LOGAN: May I be excused?

20 THE COURT: Yes, you may.

21 We'll be back in a minute.

22 (A break in the proceedings.)

23 THE COURT: All right, sir. Here's my
24 thoughts -- good to see you. My thoughts on this
25 is this: This man is serving a sentence that may

1 or may not be appealed. I'm not saying he's right
2 or wrong, but I'm saying while that issue is
3 pending, he probably should be let out of jail with
4 the --

5 You understand, if you lose, you go back to
6 jail?

7 MR. BOYLE: Oh, absolutely, sir.

8 THE COURT: But Mr. Logan just got the case.
9 He asked for a continuance, and I think it is
10 warranted because he just got the case.

11 MR. LOGAN: May I also suggest some -- some
12 additional conditions to a bond? My client, who is
13 the probate judge of Oconee County, because of the
14 conduct of Mr. Boyle, he has received over a
15 hundred death threats to him personally and dealing
16 with his family.

17 THE COURT: The judge has?

18 MR. LOGAN: The judge has, yes, sir.

19 THE COURT: I had a judge from -- also from
20 Sumter call me, and apparently her name got
21 associated with this case, and she has, too. I
22 don't know --

23 MR. LOGAN: And his fiancée is Ms. Dorothy
24 Pierce, and she's got I don't know how many cases
25 going on in this county. So if there is a bond

1 involved, we want it sufficient enough that it's
2 going to deter any conduct with my client, his
3 family, any attendance in probate court. He's not
4 allowed in the probate court or even in the
5 facility where the probate court is located. And
6 he's not allowed on the estate property that is
7 involved in these other matters that he's also
8 involved in.

9 And I've got some questions about his
10 representation and whether it's involved or -- the
11 attorney that has been accused of practicing law
12 without a license -- you are familiar with that?

13 THE COURT: I'm not really familiar. I heard
14 about it.

15 MR. LOGAN: Yeah. And his name is Nathan
16 Chambers. He's a son of a lawyer in Greenville,
17 and he actually attended one of the hearings that
18 is involved in this matter --

19 THE COURT: Right.

20 MR. LOGAN: -- as his attorney, and he was
21 not a licensed attorney. He's been charged with
22 practicing law without a license.

23 So there is a whole lot of stuff going on in
24 the background, including, most seriously, death
25 threats. So if we're going to let him out -- if

1 you're going to let him out --

2 THE COURT: I'm going to let him out.

3 MR. LOGAN: I just want you aware of that,
4 that he's not to do anything --

5 THE COURT: Let me say this: I am going to
6 let him out. He's going to serve his time if he
7 loses, but I'm going to let him out.

8 I'm going to get you a PR bond. I think that
9 it is okay, too. I don't see you being a threat of
10 flight, but this thing about the thing about
11 threats with this judge and the family, to the
12 extent they are emanating from you or someone
13 related to you, that puts you right back in jail
14 with me. Do you understand me?

15 MR. BOYLE: No sir, it's not --

16 THE COURT: Do you understand me?

17 MR. BOYLE: Yes, sir.

18 THE COURT: Listen to my questions. If I
19 want to hear you, I'll ask you. I want you to
20 listen to me.

21 Now, I can't prohibit his right to free
22 speech under the First Amendment, but I can put a
23 gag order on this case, and that's what I'm going
24 to do.

25 Part of your bond is you don't talk about

1 this case, okay, or anybody at your direction. I
2 don't know about this gentleman Chambers, anything
3 about that, but if he ain't a lawyer, he ain't a
4 lawyer, and he can't come back here, all right.

5 But you are to have no communications with
6 the judge, directly or indirectly, and that means
7 you or your fiancée or someone acting on your
8 behalf. "Directly" means face-to-face, e-mail,
9 text messages, any other communication or through
10 someone else in those same ways. Do you
11 understand?

12 MR. BOYLE: Yes, sir.

13 THE COURT: Okay.

14 MR. LOGAN: May I ask one other --

15 THE COURT: Let me finish, and I will.

16 You are to appear at any hearings we have
17 scheduled in this case. Any reason you would leave
18 Oconee County for any reason?

19 MR. BOYLE: To move out of here?

20 THE COURT: Sir, any reason you would leave
21 Oconee County? Do you need to leave while this is
22 pending?

23 MR. BOYLE: Well, I work in Greenville.

24 THE COURT: You do? Okay. You can go to
25 Greenville and Oconee -- well, you can't leave

1 South Carolina during the pendency of the case.

2 That is part of the conditions of your bond.

3 You are not to go to the probate court. You
4 can't appear there anymore. If he's been ordered
5 to not be there anymore, you can't go there.

6 Where is the probate court?

7 MR. LOGAN: Administrative offices, which is
8 where the sheriff -- I mean not the -- on Pine
9 Street.

10 THE COURT: What other offices are there?

11 MR. LOGAN: It is about a mile-and-a-half
12 from here.

13 THE COURT: What other officers are there?
14 Like assessor, treasurer?

15 MR. LOGAN: Yeah, and the city council.

16 THE COURT: Yeah, I can't keep him out of the
17 building, but I'll keep you out of probate court.
18 You can transact business, to the extent you need
19 to, otherwise.

20 Mr. Logan, I cut you off with suggestions you
21 had.

22 MR. LOGAN: The last suggestion I have is I
23 would like for this to be heard as quickly as
24 possible.

25 THE COURT: I have no problem hearing that or

1 you scheduling it any time you want to get in here.

2 I assume you want to get it done as quick as
3 possible as well?

4 MR. BOYLE: Yes, sir.

5 THE COURT: It doesn't have to be me. It can
6 be me. I don't have a problem hearing it, and I
7 don't have a problem with someone else hearing it.

8 MR. LOGAN: Are you going to be up here next
9 week or following week?

10 THE COURT: No. I'm in Anderson next week,
11 and then in York.

12 Who is next week? Anybody?

13 THE CLERK: Judge Sprouse is here.

14 THE COURT: Ma'am?

15 THE CLERK: Judge Sprouse is here for general
16 sessions.

17 THE COURT: Well, that's general sessions.
18 He'll be busy.

19 MR. LOGAN: Anderson is fine.

20 THE COURT: If you can get Judge Sprouse to
21 hear the case, that is fine.

22 Who is here on the 29th? On the week of
23 the 29th, Judge Sprouse has common pleas/non-jury
24 within the Tenth Judicial Circuit.

25 THE CLERK: I was going to say that I have a

1 whole day on the 31st with nothing scheduled.

2 THE COURT: Okay. So if everyone is
3 agreeable, I'll put it on his calendar. I'll tell
4 him if he objects, I'll take it off. I don't think
5 he will, but if he does, he does.

6 THE CLERK: Judge Singleton has protection on
7 the 31st.

8 THE COURT: Judge Singleton has protection?

9 Let me ask you: Is there any reason why we
10 can't hear these motions without him being in
11 attendance?

12 You might want to talk to him, Jim.

13 MR. LOGAN: I don't really think that there
14 are any reasons why he would have to be here.

15 Is that okay with you?

16 THE COURT: Is that okay?

17 MR. SINGLETON: Yes, sir.

18 THE COURT: It just seems to me you get it
19 heard and deposed of.

20 MR. LOGAN: You're talking about back up
21 here?

22 THE COURT: 31st, I think that is what I
23 said.

24 MR. LOGAN: So July 31st.

25 THE COURT: Any reason why you can't be here

1 on the 31st?

2 MR. BOYLE: What day of the week is that?

3 THE COURT: I don't know.

4 THE CLERK: The 31st is on a Wednesday.

5 MR. BOYLE: I can't imagine.

6 THE COURT: You need to tell me now that you
7 are going to be here, because a condition of your
8 bond is that you appear at hearings. So if you
9 don't, you will violate your bond, so you don't
10 want to do that, right?

11 MR. BOYLE: No, sir.

12 THE COURT: Okay.

13 Any other matters?

14 The motion for summary judgment is not
15 appropriate, and I'm dismissing that. It is gone.
16 That is not appropriate here, okay.

17 Other than that, the appeal will be heard by
18 Judge Sprouse. I'll tell him, again. If for some
19 reason he says I can't or won't, I'll do something.

20 MR. LOGAN: Can you all send me an e-mail if
21 it is going to be somebody --

22 THE COURT: Yeah. We'll do that.

23 Do we have a way to communicate with you,
24 e-mail, et cetera?

25 MR. BOYLE: Yes, sir, I can provide my

1 information.

2 THE COURT: Step up here and give her your
3 e-mail, and give it to Mr. Logan so we can all
4 communicate with you.

5 MR. BOYLE: To Amanda?

6 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

7 (A brief pause in the proceedings.)

8 THE COURT: All right. Now, you all need to
9 let him out tonight.

10 MR. LOGAN: Judge, I have raised the issue
11 about keeping him off of the estate property that
12 is involved in these other actions.

13 THE COURT: What is the estate property?

14 MR. LOGAN: I was involved in the case
15 initially, and then I got out, and then --

16 THE COURT: Has he been ordered by the
17 probate court to stay off of the estate property?

18 MR. LOGAN: Have I?

19 THE COURT: No. No. I'm not saying --

20 MR. LOGAN: This gentleman here to stay off
21 it.

22 THE COURT: Oh, I got that.

23 We're going to let you not come back to the
24 courthouse (laughing).

25 MR. LOGAN: Hey, I'll sue you (laughing).

1 THE COURT: It won't be the first (laughing).
2 Do you mind if I ask the Judge something?

3 MR. LOGAN: No.

4 The estate property of Nowell Pierce is what
5 I'm talking about.

6 THE COURT: Do you have any need to go on
7 that property during the pendency of this case?

8 MR. BOYLE: That is where I live. I would be
9 homeless if you kick me out.

10 THE COURT: Well, that's where he lives.
11 That is an issue for the probate court. I'm not
12 going to touch that, okay.

13 MR. LOGAN: If you want to ask the judge a
14 question, that's fine.

15 THE COURT: No, that's what I wanted to find
16 out. I got what I need.

17 Jim, I know you are not big at drawing bond
18 orders, but can you draft me one, though?

19 MR. LOGAN: I haven't done a bond order in --

20 THE COURT: My law clerk needs to learn how.
21 He's about to work for the Solicitor's Office.
22 He'll do it.

23 Do you have all the conditions of the bond?

24 Okay. He'll circulate it to both of you all.
25 Make sure --

1 We have your e-mail, correct?

2 MR. BOYLE: Yes, sir.

3 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you.

4 (Whereupon, the audio recording for the
5 hearing concluded.)

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