

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF RICHLAND)

IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

3: 08-CR-0096-JFA

DENNIS MICHAEL)
GALLIPEAU,)

v.)

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,)
)
DEFENDANT.)

ORDER

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CLERK OF COURT

THIS MATTER IS BEFORE THE COURT pursuant to the Defendant's petition for appeal of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division's (hereafter "SLED") denial of removing the Defendant from the South Carolina Sex Offender Registry. In 2009, the Defendant pled guilty in the District Court of South Carolina to charges relating to possession of child pornography. As a result of his guilty plea, the Defendant was placed on the sex offender registry in South Carolina.

S.C. Code § 23-3-462 explicitly states that "a filing fee, as set by SLED but not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars, shall be paid to file the request for termination of registration requirements." Further, SLED's website states that the fee is "non-refundable and not waivable." SLED rejected the Defendant's initial application for failure to pay the fee. After reviewing the Defendant's memoranda, this Court finds that the Defendant's petition for appeal should be denied for failure to pay the two hundred fifty dollar (\$250.00) application fee, as is required by statute.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the Defendant's motion is hereby denied.

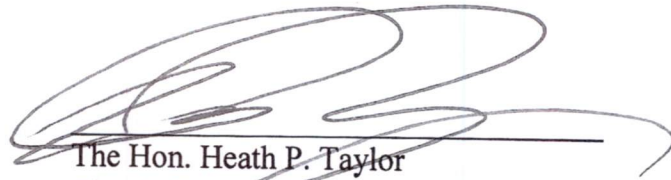
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IT IS SO ORDERED.



The Hon. Heath P. Taylor
Circuit Court Judge
Fifth Judicial Circuit

This 25th day of April, 2025.

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**PETITION FOR ORDER
FOR REMOVAL FROM
REQUIREMENTS OF S.O.R.A**

Petitioner, DENNIS MICHAEL GALLIPEAU, *pro se*, hereby petitions the Court pursuant to Section 23-3-463(A)(1), S.C. Code, for an order directing SLED to remove him from the requirements of the South Carolina Sex Offender Registration Act (SORA).

JURISDICTION

1. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to Sections 23-3-462(A)(1)(c) and 23-3-463(c), S.C. Code.

VENUE

2. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to Section 23-3-462(E), S.C. Code.

PARTIES

3. Petitioner has resided in Richland County for 20 years and has no criminal record in South Carolina.

4. Respondent is the State of South Carolina pursuant to Section 23-3-463(G), S.C. Code and service upon the Attorney General is required pursuant to Section 23-3-463(G)(3), S.C. Code.

FACTS

5. In 2009 Petitioner plead guilty as part of a plea agreement in federal court to violating Title 18 United States Code Section 2252(A)(a)(5)(B), possession of child pornography. He was remanded to BOP custody to serve a term of imprisonment followed by a lifetime period of federal supervised release.

6. Petitioner was released from BOP custody in March 2015 and made his initial Registration with the Richland County Sheriff's Department on March 26, 2015.

7. Pursuant to SORNA (federal law), Petitioner is a Tier I offender eligible for removal After 10 years of registration.

8. On November 14, 2018 Petitioner's lifetime supervision was reduced to a term of 2 years and registration as a sex offender was made a mandatory condition of his federal supervised release.

9. Petitioner's term of supervised release was terminated on February 28, 2021.

10. Petitioner alleges that SLED does not have and never has had jurisdiction over him

11. Petitioner alleges that SLED (state of south carolina) is not in compliance with SORNA (federal law) and that the substantial implementation submission plan submitted to the United States Department of Justice, S.M.A.R.T. office by SLED is not the "plan" SLED implemented or has subjected Petitioner to during the past 10+ years.

12. Petitioner has continued to register bi-annually with the Richland County Sheriff's Department not voluntarily but out of threat of arrest and incarceration.

EXHAUSTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDY

13. On March 26, 2025 Petitioner submitted an application for removal to SLED.

14. SLED rejected and returned Petitioner's application because he is financially unable

to pay the \$250 application fee.

15. Petitioner has exhausted his administrative remedy and this Court now has jurisdiction to hear and grant Petitioner's petition for removal.

WHEREFORE, petitioner, DENNIS MICHALE GALLIPEAU, prays the Court grant his petition and order SLED to remove him from the requirements of SORA and from the sex offender registry.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I served Petition for Order by first class mail upon the Attorney General, 1000 Assembly Street, Columbia, SC 29201, this 21ST day of April, 2025.



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