

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)	IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
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COUNTY OF OCONEE)	CASE NO: 2024-CP-37-00451
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Jason Michael Boyle,)	
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Appellant,)	
)	ORDER
v.)	
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Danny Singleton Probate Judge, Oconee)	
County, Oconee County Detention Center)	
Oconee County Sheriff's Department,)	
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Respondents.)	

The above captioned appeal from the Oconee County Probate Court is presently pending before this Court based upon numerous Motions filed in this matter. A hearing was held on these Motions on January 31, 2025. Present at the hearing were Jason Michael Boyle, pro se, and James W. Logan, Jr. of Logan & Jolly, LLP attorneys for the Respondent Danny Singleton Probate Judge. Respondents Oconee County and Oconee County Detention Center were never served with the pleadings in this matter and, therefore, they are not proper parties to this case.


After a thorough review of the pleadings, motions and oral arguments submitted by the Parties, it is the judgment of the Court as follows:

1. The Probate Court's finding(s) of Contempt regarding the Appellant is/are affirmed by this Court. However, the Court finds that the Appellant has served thirty-eight (38) days of his sentence and that the remaining time of his sentence is vacated to time served; and,
2. As a result of the above findings, this Court has determined that all remaining Motions of the Appellant and Respondent pending in this case are inappropriate in this Appeal and should be dismissed, without prejudice.

Accordingly, it is the Judgment of this Court, that all Motions, including the following, are determined to be moot to this action and are dismissed, without prejudice: Appellant's Motion for an Injunction, Appellant's Motion for Sanctions, Appellant's Motion to Quash and Sanctions,

Respondent's Motion for Summary Judgment, Appellant's Rule to Show Cause, Respondent's Motion to Dismiss, Respondent's Motion to Enlarge Time, Respondent's Motion for Summary Judgment, Appellant's Motion to Compel, Appellant's Motion to Include/Strike/Compel and Appellant's Motion to Enforce Stay.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 7 day of February, 2025.



The Honorable R. Lawton McIntosh
Tenth Judicial Circuit

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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IN THE PROBATE COURT

COUNTY OF OCONEE

ORDER

Pursuant to a Rule to Show Cause served upon Jason Boyle, a hearing was conducted on June 17, 2024 to determine if Jason Boyle should be held in contempt of court.

After testimony and evidence was taken, it was determined beyond a reasonable doubt that Jason Boyle did commit direct contempt of court.

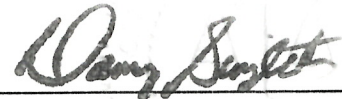
THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Jason Boyle be sentenced to serve a period of fifty (50) days in the Oconee County Detention Center.

IT IS SO ORDERED!

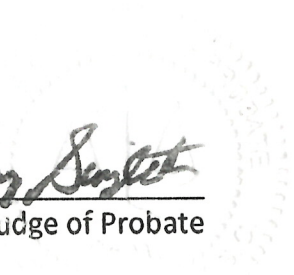
Dated June 17, 2024

Walhalla, SC

OCCONEE PROBATE COURT
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Danny Singleton, Judge of Probate



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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IN THE PROBATE COURT

COUNTY OF OCONEE

ORDER

Pursuant to a Rule to Show Cause served upon Jason Boyle, a hearing was conducted on June 5, 2024 to determine if Jason Boyle should be held in contempt of court.

After testimony and evidence was taken, it was determined beyond a reasonable doubt that Jason Boyle did commit direct contempt of court.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Jason Boyle be sentenced to serve a period of sixty (60) days in the Oconee County Detention Center.

IT IS SO ORDERED!

Dated June 5, 2024

Walhalla, SC



Danny Singleton, Judge of Probate

OCCONEE PROBATE COURT
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Jasonboyle03 me <jasonboyle03@gmail.com>

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8 messages

McIntosh, Lawton Law Clerk (Chase Kinsey) <Imcintoshlc@sccourts.org> Mon, Jul 22, 2024 at 11:35 AM
To: Jim Logan <logan@loganandjolly.com>, "jasonboyle03@gmail.com" <jasonboyle03@gmail.com>
Cc: "Burton, Lisa" <lburton@oconeesc.com>, "McIntosh, Lawton Secretary (Tammy Jennings)" <Imcintoshsc@sccourts.org>

Mr. Logan,

Judge McIntosh has asked that I contact y'all to request that you prepare an order and rule to show cause for Mr. Boyle to appear in Court to determine whether he will be held in contempt for violating the gag order in this case. Thank you!

Respectfully,

Chase Kinsey

Law Clerk to the

Honorable R. Lawton McIntosh

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**Jasonboyle03 me** <jasonboyle03@gmail.com> Mon, Jul 22, 2024 at 1:04 PM  
To: "McIntosh, Lawton Law Clerk (Chase Kinsey)" <Imcintoshlc@sccourts.org>  
Cc: "Burton, Lisa" <lburton@oconeesc.com>, Jim Logan <logan@loganandjolly.com>, "McIntosh, Lawton Secretary (Tammy Jennings)" <Imcintoshsc@sccourts.org>

How did it get violated?

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**Jasonboyle03 me** <jasonboyle03@gmail.com> Mon, Jul 22, 2024 at 1:24 PM  
To: "McIntosh, Lawton Law Clerk (Chase Kinsey)" <Imcintoshlc@sccourts.org>  
Cc: "Burton, Lisa" <lburton@oconeesc.com>, Jim Logan <logan@loganandjolly.com>, "McIntosh, Lawton Secretary (Tammy Jennings)" <Imcintoshsc@sccourts.org>

Chase,

I'm disturbed by this email accusing me of violating a gag order. Firstly, I have not received a copy of the order itself. I have been waiting for a copy to show up in the mail as I was not provided a copy while leaving the courthouse or Jail. Secondly, I have never discussed this case with anyone since I returned from Jail. I have been busy with my appeal brief.

I was told that it's the attorney for the respondent that has complained. How did he file this complaint without copying me? What exactly did I say that violated the gag order? Where did this violation take place and with whom?

I need the above questions answered in the affirmative.

Thank you.

Jason Boyle

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**Jasonboyle03 me** <jasonboyle03@gmail.com> Mon, Jul 22, 2024 at 3:48 PM  
To: "McIntosh, Lawton Law Clerk (Chase Kinsey)" <lmcintoshlc@sccourts.org>  
Cc: "Burton, Lisa" <lburton@oconeesc.com>, Jim Logan <logan@loganandjolly.com>, "McIntosh, Lawton Secretary (Tammy Jennings)" <lmcintoshsc@sccourts.org>

Chase,

I visited the court and received a copy of the Order of release. I have some questions regarding the order. Who is the appropriate person to ask?

Thank you,  
Jason

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**McIntosh, Lawton Law Clerk (Chase Kinsey)** <lmcintoshlc@sccourts.org> Mon, Jul 22, 2024 at 3:54 PM  
To: Jasonboyle03 me <jasonboyle03@gmail.com>  
Cc: "Burton, Lisa" <lburton@oconeesc.com>, Jim Logan <logan@loganandjolly.com>, "McIntosh, Lawton Secretary (Tammy Jennings)" <lmcintoshsc@sccourts.org>

Mr. Boyle,

Good afternoon, I have relayed your communications to Judge McIntosh. He has asked that any questions that you have regarding the order should be put in writing and all parties should be copied. When the questions are received, he stated that he will respond if a response is appropriate. Thank you.

Respectfully,

## Chase Kinsey

Law Clerk to the

Honorable R. Lawton McIntosh

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Mon, Jul 22, 2024 at 4:01 PM

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Cc: "Burton, Lisa" <[lburton@oconeesc.com](mailto:lburton@oconeesc.com)>, Jim Logan <[logan@loganandjolly.com](mailto:logan@loganandjolly.com)>, "McIntosh, Lawton Secretary (Tammy Jennings)" <[Imcintoshsc@sccourts.org](mailto:Imcintoshsc@sccourts.org)>

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I took down all of my social media posts that were up from before i was incarcerated. Was i required to do that?

If i say I am out on a PR bond or that i have a hearing on July 31st, is that breaking the order?

I was under the impression that a gag order meant the details of the case that are to be litigated. This order says do not discuss the case publicly. Does that mean don't even discuss the existence of the case?

Thank you,

Jason

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**Jasonboyle03 me** <[jasonboyle03@gmail.com](mailto:jasonboyle03@gmail.com)>

Wed, Oct 30, 2024 at 10:39 AM

To: "McIntosh, Lawton Law Clerk (Chase Kinsey)" <[Imcintoshlc@sccourts.org](mailto:Imcintoshlc@sccourts.org)>

Cc: "Burton, Lisa" <[lburton@oconeesc.com](mailto:lburton@oconeesc.com)>, Jim Logan <[logan@loganandjolly.com](mailto:logan@loganandjolly.com)>, "McIntosh, Lawton Secretary (Tammy Jennings)" <[Imcintoshsc@sccourts.org](mailto:Imcintoshsc@sccourts.org)>, Kim Manley <[manley@loganandjolly.com](mailto:manley@loganandjolly.com)>, Amanda Watkins <[awatkins@oconeesc.com](mailto:awatkins@oconeesc.com)>

Chase,

These questions were never answered. I believe an answer to these questions is appropriate and necessary.

Thank you,  
Jason

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**Jasonboyle03 me** <jasonboyle03@gmail.com>  
To: Dorothy Pierce <dorothypierce84@gmail.com>

Wed, Oct 30, 2024 at 3:29 PM

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Jasonboyle03 me &lt;jasonboyle03@gmail.com&gt;

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**Please provide transparency**

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**Jasonboyle03 me** <jasonboyle03@gmail.com>

Thu, Aug 8, 2024 at 11:08 PM

To: Jim Logan &lt;logan@loganandjolly.com&gt;

Cc: Kim Manley &lt;manley@loganandjolly.com&gt;, "McIntosh, Lawton Law Clerk (Chase Kinsey)" &lt;lmcintoshlc@sccourts.org&gt;

Jim,

I am asking for clarity out of good faith. I have CC'ed Chase Kinsey on this communication only because this is the second tome I have emailed on this topic and have not received a complete response. I would like a detailed explanation to assure me that multiple *Ex Parte* conversations did not occur.

I have included my understanding of events. Please feel free to correct any misconceptions and include any missing content.

In the emergency release hearing of July 17, I was granted release with conditions. One of the conditions was a gag order. I did not receive a copy of the order upon my release. On July 22, at 11:35, I received an email from Chase Kinsey, Judge McIntosh's law clerk, written to Jim Logan, the attorney for Probate Judge Singleton, stating:

"Judge McIntosh has asked that I contact y'all to request that you prepare an order and rule to show cause for Mr. Boyle to appear in Court to determine whether he will be held in contempt for violating the gag order in this case. Thank you!"

I was not included in any conversations regarding any potential violation to this point, leading me to believe an *Ex Parte* conversation took place. The email sent by Mr. Kensey made a few things clear. The email did not include details of the proclaimed violation, so it is assumed that Mr. Chase and Logan's office are both aware of the contents of the accusation. It is also clear that this mutual understanding could not have been reached without an *Ex Parte* conversation.

After receiving this email, on July 22, I drove to the circuit court and received a copy of the gag order. After receiving the order, at 4:01 pm, I sent these questions regarding the order to Mr. Kinsey:

"When the order says no speaking publicly about this case, is that the appeals case, the probate case or both?"

I took down all of my social media posts that were up from before I was incarcerated. Was I required to do that?"

If I say I am out on a PR bond or that I have a hearing on July 31st, is that breaking the order?"

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I have not received a response to these questions.

At 4:02 pm on July 22, Kim Manley, a paralegal for Jim Logan, sent a copy of a filed Motion for Rule to Show Cause to Judge McIntosh with a screenshot of a YouTube video as evidence. On July 23, I filed an objection to this Rule to Show Cause documenting evidence that the video was

posted prior to the gag order, the gag order did not mandate that I take down existing content, and that I had not received the order at the time of the proclaimed violation.

On August 2, Mrs. Manley sent an email with an affidavit from Maggie Bonadies stating she had taken a screen shot of my YouTube on her cell phone. This is not the same image used as evidence in the Motion for RTSC submitted. The screenshot produced in the affidavit is not the same screenshot as the one submitted by Logan as evidence. The affidavit does not state how the image submitted in the Motion for Rule to Show Cause was created, and the affidavit does not say how this evidence was received by Jim Logan and/or Judge McIntosh's office.

My concerns are 2-fold. One, If Mrs. Bonadies gave the screenshot to Oconee Probate Judge Danny Singleton, this would constitute an *Ex Parte* conversation. Mrs. Bonadies was a witness in the June 17 trial against me with Judge Singleton presiding. This case is currently pending appeal hearings. Secondly, the affidavit of Mrs. Bonadies' affidavit does not address where the screenshot submitted in the RTSC comes from. To whom did Mrs. Bonadies report her findings? How did McIntosh's office become aware of this proclaimed violation without any communication with me?

#### Discovery Questions:

1. How did Judge McIntosh's office become aware of these screen shots and accusations?
2. How did Mrs. Bonadies communicate her findings with Judge Singleton?
3. Did Mrs. Bonadies have an *Ex Parte* conversation with Judge Singleton?
4. Did Judge Singleton or Jim Logan and company have any *Ex Parte* conversations?
5. Provide the contents of all *Ex Parte* conversations.

Thank you,

Jason

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Jim Logan <logan@loganandjolly.com>

Fri, Aug 9, 2024 at 9:34 AM

To: Jasonboyle03 me <jasonboyle03@gmail.com>

Cc: Kim Manley <manley@loganandjolly.com>, "McIntosh, Lawton Law Clerk (Chase Kinsey)" <Imcintoshlc@sccourts.org>

Jason Boyles,

I prefer to discuss these matters in open Court before the Judge at the hearing(s) that are to be scheduled to hear these matters.

**James W. Logan, Jr.**

**Logan & Jolly, LLP**  
1805 North Boulevard

**Post Office Box 259**

**Anderson, SC 29621**

**864-226-1910**

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**Please note that my e-mail address has changed to [logan@loganandjolly.com](mailto:logan@loganandjolly.com) and update your contact lists if necessary.**

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**Jasonboyle03 me** <[jasonboyle03@gmail.com](mailto:jasonboyle03@gmail.com)> Fri, Aug 9, 2024 at 10:07 AM  
To: Jim Logan <[logan@loganandjolly.com](mailto:logan@loganandjolly.com)>  
Cc: Kim Manley <[manley@loganandjolly.com](mailto:manley@loganandjolly.com)>, "McIntosh, Lawton Law Clerk (Chase Kinsey)" <[lmcintoshlc@sccourts.org](mailto:lmcintoshlc@sccourts.org)>

Mr Logan,

I prefer to have open discovery before court. So that we can make the most clear argument before the court. No surprises is better.

Best regards  
Jason Boyle  
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**Jasonboyle03 me** <jasonboyle03@gmail.com>  
To: Jim Logan <logan@loganandjolly.com>

Fri, Aug 9, 2024 at 10:29 AM

I believe the law supports discovery. I will research later and submit a court filing for discovery and to strike the transcripts with the wrong case number.

Jason

On Fri, Aug 9, 2024 at 9:34 AM Jim Logan <logan@loganandjolly.com> wrote:

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To: Jim Logan <logan@loganandjolly.com>  
Cc: Kim Manley <manley@loganandjolly.com>

Wed, Oct 30, 2024 at 10:37 AM

Jim,

I would like to continue this line of the conversation. If you could reply clearly to the above, I will not file a motion to compel.

Thank you,  
Jason  
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**FORM 4**

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF OCONEE  
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS**

**JUDGMENT IN A CIVIL CASE**

**CASE NO. 2024CP3700451**

Jason Michael Boyle  
PLAINTIFF(S)

Danny Singleton Probate Judge et al  
DEFENDANT(S)

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| <b>Submitted by: R. Lawton McIntosh</b> | <b>Attorney for :</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Plaintiff <input type="checkbox"/> Defendant<br>or<br><input type="checkbox"/> Self-Represented Litigant |
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- JURY VERDICT.** This action came before the court for a trial by jury. The issues have been tried and a verdict rendered.
- DECISION BY THE COURT.** This action came to trial or hearing before the court. The issues have been tried or heard and a decision rendered.  See Page 2 for additional information.
- ACTION DISMISSED (CHECK REASON):**  Rule 12(b), SCRPC;  Rule 41(a), SCRPC (Vol. Nonsuit);  Rule 43(k), SCRPC (Settled);  Other
- ACTION STRICKEN (CHECK REASON):**  Rule 40(j), SCRPC;  Bankruptcy;  Binding arbitration, subject to right to restore to confirm, vacate or modify arbitration award;  Other
- STAYED DUE TO BANKRUPTCY**
- DISPOSITION OF APPEAL TO THE CIRCUIT COURT (CHECK APPLICABLE BOX):**  
 Affirmed;  Reversed;  Remanded;  Other

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**IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED:**  See attached order (formal order to follow)  Statement of Judgment by the Court:

**ORDER INFORMATION**

**APPELLANT’S MOTION TO STRIKE TRANSCRIPT IS NOT APPROPRIATE AND THEREFORE DENIED. HOWEVER, APPELLANT’S CURRENT CASE NUMBER FOR THIS ACTION IS SUBSTITUTED IN PLACE OF THE PROBATE CASE NUMBER. NO FORMAL ORDER REQUESTED.**

This order  ends  does not end the case.

| <b>INFORMATION FOR THE JUDGMENT INDEX</b>                                                                                                                                                                    |                                          |                                                          |
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The judgment information above has been provided by the submitting party. Disputes concerning the amounts contained in this form may be addressed by way of motion pursuant to the SC Rules of Civil Procedure. Amounts to be computed such as interest or additional taxable costs not available at the time the form and final order are submitted to the judge may be provided to the clerk. **Note: Title abstractors and researchers should refer to the official court order for judgment details.**

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Circuit Court Judge

Judge Code

Date

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**ATTORNEY(S) FOR THE PLAINTIFF(S)**

**ATTORNEY(S) FOR THE DEFENDANT(S)**

**CLERK OF COURT**

**Court Reporter:**

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING DECISION BY THE COURT AS REFERENCED ON PAGE 1.**

This action came to trial or hearing before the court. The issues have been tried or heard and a decision rendered.

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Oconee Common Pleas

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Jason Michael Boyle )  
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Plaintiff, )  
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vs. )  
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Danny Singleton )  
Probate Judge et al )  
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Defendant. )  
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**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

Civil Action No: 2024-CP-37-00451

**ORDER ON DEFENDANT'S  
MOTION FOR A RULE  
TO SHOW CAUSE**

This motion came before this Court under an alleged appeal from Probate Court based upon the Appellant, Jason Michael Boyle, having been held in contempt by the Probate Court and sentenced accordingly.

Initially, the Court notes that this is not an appeal from Probate Court controlled by S.C. Code Ann. Section 62-1-308 (2014). Rather, this is an appeal of the Probate Court's order holding Appellant in contempt along with the associated sentence.

On or around 07/17/2024, the undersigned issued an order releasing Appellant from custody pending the outcome of his appeal of the underlying finding of contempt and associated sentence.

This Court's rationale for releasing Appellant on bond was that by the time his appeal could be determined, he would have served the entirety of the contempt sentence. It was explained to Appellant who expressed his understanding that his present release is subject to a future order affirming the Probate Court's order and requiring Appellant to serve the contempt sentence.

As part of the Personal Recognizance Bond, issued by this Court, the following was ordered:

“Defendant, his servants, agent, employees and or any one acting on his behalf, including legal counsel, are under a gag order prohibiting them from speaking publicly about this case, including but not limited to news agencies, social media and to anyone not necessary to the preparation of this case.” Ord. of Release/Discharge, para. 2, *Jason m Boyle v. Danny Singleton et al*, No. 2024CP3700451 (Ct. Com. Pl. Oconee Cty., S.C.).

At the hearing setting the Personal Recognizance Bond, the Court reviewed with Appellant the requirements of the Court’s gag order to which Appellant expressed his understanding. During the hearing, the Court acknowledged that it did not have the authority to violate Appellant’s First Amendment rights, however, the Court did have the authority to prohibit him from discussing this case. Again, Appellant expressed his understanding.

Subsequent to the issuance of the Release Order and Personal Recognizance Bond, it was brought to the Court’s attention by the attorney for Judge Singleton that Appellant had posted an entry online on Appellant’s website in violation of this Court’s gag order.

As a result, this Court requested Judge Singleton’s attorney to prepare a Rule to Show Cause which is the subject of today’s hearing. In response, Appellant filed a denial that he posted the entry subsequent to this Court’s order asserting that he posted the video prior to the Court’s gag order and any evidence of a subsequent posting of that video had been fabricated.

Notwithstanding, prior to the hearing, Appellant distributed fliers at the Oconee County Courthouse, a copy of which is attached hereto, as well as posted at least an entry on his website about this case in violation of the gag order.

Accordingly, the Court finds that Appellant is hereby in contempt for violation of this Court's bond order. However, the Court will refrain from issuing sanctions presently until the matter is concluded at the Circuit Court level. Appellant's conduct between now and the Circuit Court's final order in this matter will play a large part in the sanctions that Appellant will receive.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**



R. Lawton McIntosh  
Circuit Court Judge

September 16, 2024  
Anderson, South Carolina



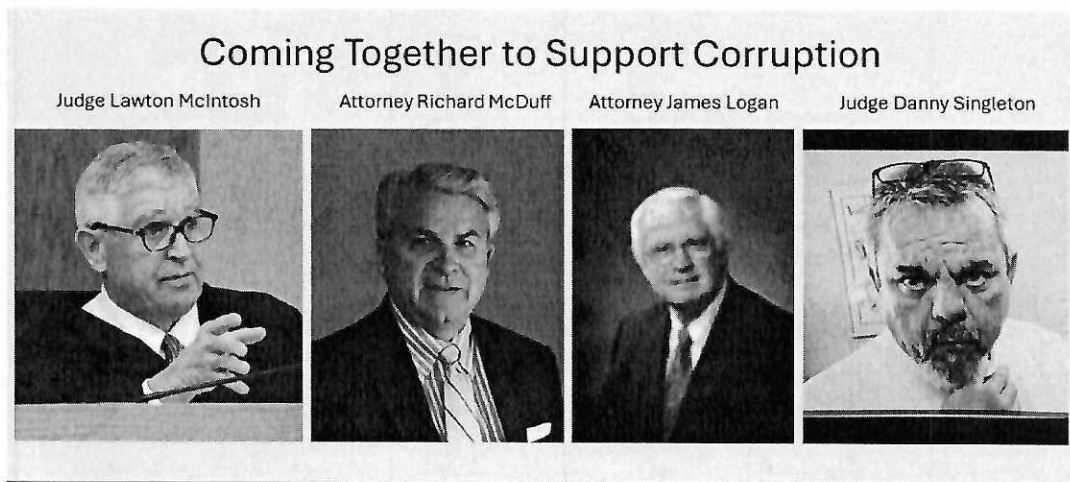
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Oconee County, South Carolina, has become a breeding ground for judicial misconduct, where those in power manipulate the court system not for justice but for vengeance. My name is Jason Boyle, and I am a victim of this system—incarcerated by Judge Danny Singleton in a blatant abuse of authority. As I appeal this wrongful imprisonment, the misconduct has only escalated. Attorney Jim Logan, representing Singleton in my appeal, has joined this scheme to silence me through intimidation and unlawful procedures. This corruption is not an isolated case; it is a systematic abuse of power that has festered, unchecked, for too long.

### McDuff and Singleton: Collusion in the Courtroom

During my emergency release hearing on July 17, 2024, held in the Tenth Circuit Court of South Carolina, attorney Richard Hunt McDuff—a man deeply involved in my fiancée's probate case—was seen consulting with Judge Singleton and his attorney, Jim Logan. McDuff had no standing in my case, yet he brazenly coached Singleton and Logan from the sidelines, in the direct observation of Judge McIntosh, advising them on how to ensure my continued incarceration. McDuff's involvement is troubling, given his role in conspiring with Singleton to have my fiancée sentenced to 180 days in jail for daring to criticize the judge and hold the judge accountable to the law. This was not only illegal but vindictive—a clear abuse of power.

McDuff's participation in my case, despite having no legal grounds to do so, is a violation of court rules. His behavior, far from appropriate, exposes the incestuous relationships between lawyers and judges in Oconee County. These backroom dealings foster an environment where *ex parte* communications and

unethical alliances are not just tolerated but encouraged. Singleton's willingness to collaborate with McDuff, whose clear conflict of interest in my fiancée's case should have disqualified him from involvement, is another glaring example of how deep the corruption runs in this small town.

### **Incarceration Without Due Process**

On June 17, 2024, Judge Danny Singleton sentenced me to 50 days in jail without legitimate cause. After 30 days of unlawful confinement, I was released early on July 17, 2024, thanks to an emergency order from Judge McIntosh. Upon my release, no release papers were provided to me—a clear violation of legal procedure. Worse, no crime or case number was ever listed on the public record during my imprisonment, underscoring the sheer illegality of the entire process. The lack of a case number or publicly listed crime was the result of Probate Judge Danny Singleton acting so far out of jurisdiction that he had no means to create a case number. The County jail was just doing its part in covering for Singleton by not providing me release papers I could later use as evidence. This may have been the reason I was never served the release order that included a gag order and other restrictions.

Although a gag order was ordered, I was never officially served. The purpose of this order was transparent: it was designed to stifle my voice, prevent me from defending myself publicly, and stop me from gathering the support I needed to expose the corruption in Oconee County's legal system. On July 22, Judge McIntosh's clerk sent an email instructing Logan to draft a Rule to Show Cause—an order meant to hold me in contempt of court yet again. This is the very tactic that was used to jail me in the first place, and they were prepared to use it once more to silence me.

### **Ex Parte Violations and Inappropriate Evidence**

The request for the Rule to Show Cause raises serious concerns, chief among them being the blatant violation of laws prohibiting *ex parte* communications. For Judge McIntosh to be aware of my supposed contempt without my knowledge means there must have been improper communication between him and Logan or Singleton. *Ex parte* communication—any discussion between a judge and one party without the other present—is strictly forbidden. Yet, in Oconee County, this type of judicial malpractice is standard operating procedure.

The so-called evidence of my contempt? A screenshot of a YouTube video, allegedly posted after the gag order was issued. However, my account information clearly shows this video was posted on June 19—before the gag order was issued. It is clear that the evidence used to accuse me of contempt was incorrect. On my YouTube account, the video clearly shows a posting date of June 19, a day I spent in jail without access to my YouTube account. It was not posted by me.

When I requested discovery regarding this allegation, I was met with vague and incomplete responses. The discovery revealed that Maggie Bonadee, Judge Singleton's clerk, had taken a screenshot of the video. However, a second screenshot—one that was issued to Judge McIntosh by Singleton or Logan—was somehow introduced later. The discovery process did not clarify who took this second screenshot or how it ended up in Judge McIntosh's office. This dishonest manipulation is just one example of how the Oconee County legal system routinely disregards the rule of law to protect its own.

Bonadee, who had already falsely testified against me in a previous contempt hearing—claiming I was “very loud”, despite video evidence to the contrary—had no business working with Singleton as an investigator. This behavior, which exceeds the boundaries of the probate court jurisdiction, violates the separation of powers. In Oconee County, however, it seems that judges and clerks act as law enforcement, prosecutors, and executioners all rolled into one.

### Illegal Subpoena of Phone Call Recordings

The corruption doesn't end there. Jim Logan deepened the conspiracy by subpoenaing recordings of phone calls I made during my incarceration. Over the 30 days I spent in jail, my fiancée and I paid more than \$300 for phone calls, discussing legal strategies and exposing the depth of corruption in Oconee County. On September 3, 2024, Logan issued a subpoena to Jeremy Chapman, the deputy in charge of the detention center, seeking recordings of my phone calls from June 19.

This raises several critical questions. How did Logan and Singleton know precisely which calls to target? I made calls almost every day during my incarceration. Their ability to pinpoint a specific date suggests they had access to information they should not have had. When I contacted the officer in charge of the detention center, Jeremy Chapman, he denied that he had released any recordings and directed me to Captain Jimmy Dixon of Investigations. Dixon, who, according to Chapman, has access to these recordings for criminal investigations, is the same officer who, while off duty, attempted to intimidate my fiancée into withholding evidence from the Circuit Court. This conflict of interest, with Singleton and the Sheriff's office unlawfully engaging in investigatory actions, underscores the corrupt relationship between the courts and law enforcement in Oconee County.

Moreover, Logan and Singleton's attempt to introduce these phone recordings as new evidence violates South Carolina law. Appeals are limited to reviewing evidence presented at trial; new evidence cannot be introduced. The call they are attempting to use occurred two days after my trial and clearly has no relevance to the judicial decision being appealed. Singleton and Logan's efforts to introduce this evidence are not just unethical—they are blatantly illegal.

### Motions to Quash and for Sanctions: Seeking Justice in a Corrupt System

In response to these flagrant violations, I filed motions to quash the subpoena and to impose sanctions on both Singleton and Logan. Their response? A dismissive, boilerplate motion for summary judgment—essentially a request for the court to ignore my requests for justice. Their arrogance is staggering. They didn't even bother to mount a legitimate defense because, in their minds, they are the law in Oconee County. They've become so entrenched in their own power that they believe they can operate with absolute impunity.

Singleton and Logan's actions—illegal subpoenas, discovery during appeal, investigations lead by a judge, and *ex parte* communications—demonstrate a complete disregard for the judicial process. They are betting that the Circuit Court, like the rest of Oconee County's legal system, will turn a blind eye to their misconduct. And why wouldn't they believe that? For years, Oconee's legal system has operated as if it's above the law, accountable to no one.

### Where Is the Outrage?

Oconee County is a case study in judicial corruption, where those entrusted with upholding the law are the very ones undermining it. My case is not an isolated incident; it is a symptom of a system that no longer serves the people it was designed to protect. The courts, which are supposed to be pillars of justice, have instead become tools of oppression in Oconee County.

The only way to fight back against this entrenched corruption is through public awareness and collective action. This is why I was placed on a gag order. I have appealed that gag order, and that is why I can write this article. **If they would have had their way, I would be going to jail for writing this!!** The people of Oconee County, and indeed all Americans, need to demand accountability from their legal institutions.

America, are you listening? Do you care that courts meant to serve justice are being used as weapons by corrupt individuals?

As I await my next hearing on September 12, I urge the public to pay attention. The outcome of my case will not just determine my future—it will serve as a litmus test for the integrity of Oconee County's courts. If corruption is allowed to continue unchecked, no one in Oconee County can expect to receive fair treatment in the courts.

The time for complacency is over. This is not just my fight—it's all of ours. I hope to see you at my hearing on September 12. Your presence, your watchful eyes, can bring accountability to a corrupt system.



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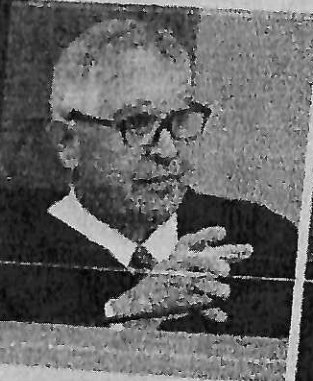
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# The Supreme Court of South Carolina

RE: Electronic Devices in Courthouses

## ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

The use of Electronic Devices is an integral part of daily life for many people. While these devices enhance our work and personal lives, they frequently impose a distraction and can constitute a threat to the safety and security of our court facilities.

Accordingly, effective immediately, the use of Electronic Devices within South Carolina Judicial Branch courthouses statewide shall be limited to the following:

**A. Common Areas:** Persons may possess and use Electronic Devices in the common areas of the courthouse, such as lobbies and hallways, subject to security screening through courthouse screening devices. "Common areas" does not include any counter or window, or immediately adjacent space, used by the Clerk of Court's office for conducting court business with the public, and the use of Electronic Devices in such areas is prohibited. The use of an Electronic Device to make audio and/or video telephone calls or the use of other audible features immediately outside courtrooms is prohibited to prevent disturbing proceedings. Additional restrictions, including limiting audible uses to certain designated areas in a courthouse, may be imposed as needed to maintain security and the orderly administration of justice. All Electronic Devices must be powered off or placed in "silent" mode at all times within a courthouse.

**B. Courtrooms:** Persons, including attorneys, law enforcement acting as prosecutors in summary court, self-represented litigants, parties, witnesses, victims, and victim advocates who are participating in a case may, with the express permission of the presiding judge, use an Electronic Device to either present evidence or other information related to a proceeding, or to conduct research as part of the presentation of the case. Except as provided below, any person may possess an Electronic Device in a courtroom; however, the use of any Electronic Devices in the courtroom is prohibited without express permission of the presiding judge. All Electronic Devices must be powered off or placed in "silent" mode at all times within a courtroom.

Absolute bans on the possession of an Electronic Device in courtrooms are not permitted. However, where a presiding judge determines the possession of

Electronic Devices interferes with the orderly administration of justice or causes a threat to safety or security in a proceeding, the judge may prohibit Electronic Devices in that courtroom for that proceeding.

**C. Virtual Proceedings:** Persons participating in a court proceeding using Remote Communication Technology are subject to the provisions contained within this Order, except for an Electronic Device the person utilizes to participate in the remote proceedings.

**D. Jurors:** The July 20, 2009 Order titled *Re: Juror use of Personal Communication Devices* remains in force and effect and is incorporated herein by reference.

**E. Prohibited Uses:** Taking photographs, making audio and/or video recordings, and broadcasting audio and/or video from within a courthouse or courtroom is generally prohibited. Court proceedings may only be photographed, recorded, or broadcast in accordance with Rule 605 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules. Photographing, recording, or broadcasting in common areas of the courthouse, or in the courtrooms when court is not in session, may be allowed at the discretion of the Clerk of Court.

While the provisions of this order apply to the common areas inside all courthouses, this order does not apply inside non-judicial offices that may be located within a courthouse, such as an assessor's office or treasurer's office.

Notice of the contents of this Order shall be given to jurors and posted on the doors to the courthouse and to courtroom doors.

Violation of the terms of this Order may result in the confiscation of an Electronic Device, and the violator may be held in contempt of court and subject to sanctions. However, mere possession of an Electronic Device, without more, is not sufficient to permit confiscation. If an Electronic Device is confiscated, it must be returned to the owner before the end of normal business hours.

s/Donald W. Beatty  
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Chief Justice of South Carolina

Columbia, South Carolina  
March 9, 2023