

IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
IN THE COURTS OF APPEALS
APPEAL FROM THE OCONEE COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Order of Honorable Judge Lewton McIntosh
APPELLATE CASE NO: 2024-001241

JASON MICHAEL BOYLE----- Appellant,

V.

DANNY SINGLETON, “et al” -----Respondents

AMENDED NOTICE OF APPEAL

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN that Jason Michael Boyle, Appellant in the above-mentioned case, hereby appeals the order of Honorable Judge Lewton McIntosh dated February 7, 2025, to the South Carolina Court of Appeals. The original notice of appeal arose out of a release order issued by Judge McIntosh. I was released pending the determination of Appeal 2024-cp-3700451. This amended notice of appeal is under the umbrella of this case number.

The appellant appeals the 10th circuit court finding that the criminal contempt finding of from the Oconee Probate Court is upheld. The appellant further requests that the court of appeals compels the 10th circuit court to hear the motions for sanctions and rule to show cause that were dismisses in this same order.

Respectfully Submitted, this February 14, 2025.



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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)

Submitted by: R. Lawton McIntosh	Attorney for : <input type="checkbox"/> Plaintiff <input type="checkbox"/> Defendant
	or <input type="checkbox"/> Self-Represented Litigant

DISPOSITION TYPE (CHECK ONE)

- 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

NOTE: ATTORNEYS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR NOTIFYING LOWER COURT, TRIBUNAL, OR ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY OF THE CIRCUIT COURT RULING IN THIS APPEAL.

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

ORDER INFORMATION

THE PROBATE COURT’S FINDING OF CONTEMPT IS AFFIRMED. HOWEVER, APPELLANT SERVED 38 DAYS, THE REMAINING SENTENCE OF 50 DAYS IS VACATED TO TIME SERVED. ALL REMAINING CLAIMS BY APPELLANT ARE INAPPROPRIATE ON THIS APPEAL AND ARE THEREFORE DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO FILE NEW ACTIONS.

AS A RESULT, THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS ARE MOOTED: 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.

MR. LOGAN TO PREPARE A FORMAL ORDER.

This order ends does not end the case.

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This judgment was entered on the _____ day of _____, 20____ and a copy mailed first class or placed in the appropriate attorney's box on this _____ day of _____, 20____ to attorneys of record or to parties (when appearing pro se) as follows:

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.



Oconee Common Pleas

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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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MELISSA C. BURTON
CLERK OF COURT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

COUNTY OF OCONEE

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JASON M BOYLE (PLAINTIFF))

ORDER OF RELEASE/DISCHARGE

VS.)

CASE NO. 2024CP3700451

DANY SINGLETON, ET AL. (DEFENDANT))

TO THE WARDEN AND KEEPERS OF THE COUNTY JAIL:

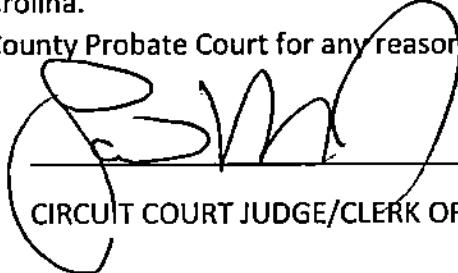
You are hereby directed to immediately discharge from your custody, Jason M Boyle, who was committed to your care and custody, by Probate Court, on June 17, 2024.

Jason M Boyle is hereby to be released from custody on a personal recognizance bond and is to follow the following conditions of bond:

1. General conditions of good behavior such as no alcohol, drugs, or criminal activity or possession of weapons.
2. 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,
3. No direct or indirect contact with Probate Judge Danny Singleton personally or through any other means or persons.
4. Required to appear in-person at any and all proceedings relating to this case.
5. Cannot leave the State of South Carolina.
6. Barred from being in the Oconee County Probate Court for any reason, unless permitted in in writing by the Probate Court.

Walhalla, South Carolina

July 17, 2024



CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE/CLERK OF COURT

Walhalla, SC

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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.

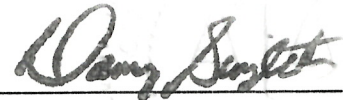
THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Jason Boyle be sentenced to serve a period of fifty (50) days in the Oconee County Detention Center.

IT IS SO ORDERED!

Dated June 17, 2024

Walhalla, SC

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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.

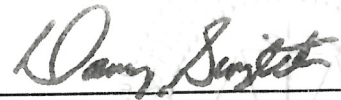
After testimony and evidence was taken, it was determined beyond a reasonable doubt that Jason Boyle did commit direct contempt of court.

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
Danny Singleton, Judge of Probate

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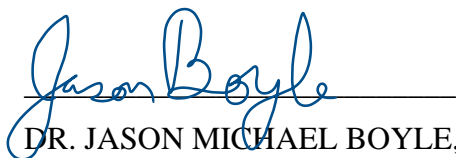
DANNY SINGLETON, "et al" -----Respondents

NOTICE OF APPEAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Jason Michael Boyle, Appellant in the above-named case, hereby appeals the order of Honorable Judge Lewton McIntosh dated July 17, 2024, to the South Carolina Court of Appeals. The appellant received a copy of the order on July 22, 2024, from the Oconee County 10th Circuit Clerk of Court.

The appellant appeals all the Conditions of Bond set forth in the Order Of Release/Discharge with the exception of his release from the unlawful incarceration (See Attached Order).

Respectfully Submitted, this July 25, 2024.



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PROOF OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this July 25, 2024, a copy of the Notice of Appeal was delivered to the following parties:

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Respectfully Submitted, this July 25, 2024.



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The South Carolina Court of Appeals

Jason Michael Boyle, Appellant,


v.

Danny Singleton, Oconee County, Oconee County
Detention Center, and Oconee County Sheriff's
Department, Respondents.

Appellate Case No. 2024-001241

ORDER

This appeal arises out of an order of release/discharge of the circuit court. Because the underlying order is not immediately appealable, we dismiss this appeal. *See* S.C. Code Ann. § 62-1-308 (2009); *Dorn v. Cohen*, 421 S.C. 517, 520, 809 S.E.2d 53, 54 (2017) (holding only final orders from the probate court are appealable under section 62-1-308). The remittitur will be sent as provided by Rule 221(b) of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules.


_____, J.
FOR THE COURT

Columbia, South Carolina

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cc:

Jason Michael Boyle

James W. Logan, Jr., Esquire

IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

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MOTION TO RECONSIDER

I respectfully submit this Motion to Reconsider the Court's decision to dismiss my appeal on August 12, 2024. The dismissal was based on the determination that the order being appealed is not appealable. However, I contend that the order in question, titled "Order of Release" and signed on July 17, 2024, Judge McIntosh of the Tenth Circuit Court of South Carolina, infringes on my substantial rights and causes harm and therefore is appealable.

BACKGROUND

The "Order of Release" suspends the last 20 days of my sentence until after the appeal hearing. Additionally, it imposes several conditions that directly affect my substantial rights, including:

- 1. Prohibition on Alcohol Consumption:** The order imposes a blanket prohibition on alcohol consumption, which severely restricts my personal freedom and autonomy, directly infringing on my substantial rights. This condition represents a significant overreach by the court, imposing a restriction on a lawful activity that bears no direct relation to the case at hand. Such a broad prohibition intrudes upon my right to make personal choices within the confines of my private life—choices that should not be subject to judicial oversight, especially when they have no bearing on the legal matters in question.

The blanket nature of this restriction is particularly troubling, as it implies a presumption of misconduct or potential risk on my part without any evidence to support such an assumption. This stigmatizes me unfairly, casting a shadow over my character and reputation, and potentially influencing how I am perceived in other areas of my life, both personally and professionally. It creates an unjustified narrative that I am somehow unfit or incapable of making responsible decisions, which is both demeaning and baseless.

Furthermore, this prohibition interferes with my ability to participate in normal social and cultural activities where alcohol may be present. Whether it's attending a family gathering, a community event, or even a simple dinner with friends, the court's order isolates me from these important interactions. Social and familial connections are vital to one's well-being, providing emotional support, a sense of belonging, and maintaining healthy relationships. By restricting my participation in these settings, the order effectively severs me from these crucial aspects of life, exacerbating feelings of isolation and alienation.

The imposition of this condition is not only punitive but also grossly disproportionate to the circumstances of my case. It places unnecessary and unjustified limits on my freedom, curtailing my ability to live my life as a free and autonomous individual. The restriction extends beyond any reasonable scope of judicial intervention, venturing into the realm of personal lifestyle choices that should be protected from such invasive oversight. The court's authority should not be used to impose moral judgments or to control behavior that is both legal and socially acceptable, especially in the absence of any demonstrated need to do so.

Additionally, the arbitrary nature of this restriction fails to account for the actual context and facts of my situation. There is no evidence to suggest that my consumption of alcohol has ever posed a risk or issue related to the legal matters at hand, making this prohibition entirely unwarranted. It creates an unnecessary burden on my daily life, forcing me to conform to an unjust standard that has no basis in the reality of my conduct or character.

In essence, this condition serves as a form of unwarranted punishment that unjustly infringes upon my personal liberty. It undermines my dignity and autonomy, stripping away the right to engage in a lawful activity that is a normal part of social life for many individuals. The

court's imposition of such a condition is a clear overstep of its authority and fails to respect the boundaries of individual freedom that are protected under the law.

The prohibition on alcohol consumption is an invasive and unjustified restriction that significantly infringes on my personal freedom and autonomy. It imposes unwarranted stigma, disrupts my social and familial interactions, and represents an overreach of judicial power into areas of life that should remain free from such control. This condition should be reconsidered and removed, as it is not only unnecessary but also harmful to my well-being and rights as an individual.

- 2. Prohibition on Possession of Weapons:** The order prohibiting me from possessing weapons, despite my status as a lawful owner of concealed firearms, represents a severe infringement on my constitutional right to bear arms as guaranteed by the Second Amendment. This restriction is not merely a legal technicality; it has profound and immediate implications for my personal safety and the safety of my family.

As someone who is actively engaged in numerous legal battles, I have faced explicit and implied threats from individuals who may seek to harm me. These threats are not hypothetical; they are real and present dangers that require me to be adequately prepared to defend myself and my loved ones. The prohibition on weapon possession leaves me entirely defenseless against these threats, stripping me of the essential means to ensure our protection. This order not only infringes upon my rights but also creates an environment in which my safety—and the safety of my family—is at significant risk.

Living in a rural area compounds these dangers. In such locations, law enforcement response times can be significantly delayed due to the distances involved and the limited availability of officers in the area. In critical situations, where every second counts, the ability to defend oneself can mean the difference between life and death. By depriving me of the legal right to possess firearms, this order effectively eliminates my capacity to respond to emergencies and protect my household from potential harm.

Furthermore, my family relies on me as their primary protector. The prohibition on weapons possession does not just endanger me personally; it also jeopardizes the well-being and security of those who depend on me. My responsibility to safeguard my family extends beyond mere legal obligations—it is a fundamental duty rooted in the most basic human

instincts to protect those we love. By stripping me of the ability to fulfill this duty, the order undermines my role as a provider and protector, leaving my family vulnerable in a time of heightened risk.

This prohibition is particularly egregious given the specific context of my situation. The legal battles I am involved in have escalated tensions, making the threat of retaliation or violence more pronounced. The order fails to consider the heightened risks associated with my circumstances, and instead imposes a blanket restriction that does not account for the very real and imminent dangers I face.

Moreover, the ability to possess firearms is a lawful and constitutionally protected right that plays a crucial role in self-defense, especially in scenarios where other forms of protection may not be readily available. The prohibition imposed by this order is a disproportionate response that disregards the legitimate need for self-defense in a climate of uncertainty and threat. It places me—and by extension, my family—in a precarious position where we are unable to take necessary measures to protect ourselves from potential harm.

The prohibition on the possession of weapons not only infringes on my constitutional rights but also places my life and the lives of my family members in serious danger. It is a reckless and unjustified restriction that exposes us to significant risks, especially given the unique circumstances of my legal and personal situation. This order should be reconsidered in light of the critical importance of self-defense and the constitutional protections afforded to individuals in their right to bear arms.

- 3. Gag Order:** The order imposes a sweeping gag order on me, my agents, employees, and legal counsel, prohibiting any of us from speaking publicly about this case to news agencies, on social media, or to anyone not directly involved in case preparation. This gag order is an extreme and unjustified restriction that severely infringes on my First Amendment right to free speech. It prevents me from sharing my side of the story with the public, effectively silencing my voice in the face of ongoing legal battles. This is particularly harmful given the slanderous accusations made by the Probate Court, which have damaged my reputation. Without the ability to speak out, I am unable to defend my character against these baseless claims, leaving the public with a one-sided and misleading narrative.

Moreover, this gag order does not just affect me; it also restricts the rights of those who wish to support and advocate for me. By preventing my agents, employees, and legal counsel from discussing the case publicly, the order limits their ability to rally public support, correct misinformation, and engage in public discourse that could positively influence the outcome of my case. This broad restriction also stifles potential legal discussions and consultations that could occur outside the immediate case preparation, further hampering my defense.

The gag order's impact is far-reaching, curtailing not only my rights but also the rights of others to freely express their opinions and support for my situation. This overreach by the court effectively isolates me, hinders my ability to garner public support, and obstructs the open exchange of ideas and information, which is a cornerstone of a free and democratic society. The order's chilling effect on speech and advocacy underscores a profound violation of fundamental rights, making it an unjust and oppressive measure that extends well beyond the bounds of what is necessary or appropriate in this case.

- 4. Travel Restriction:** The order imposes a strict prohibition on my ability to leave the state of South Carolina, which significantly infringes upon my fundamental right to travel freely and impacts numerous critical aspects of my personal and professional life.

This restriction gravely affects my familial responsibilities and obligations. As a native of Michigan, I have elderly parents in their late 70s who are in dire need of my support and care. My father is recovering slowly from a recent quadruple bypass surgery, facing several complications that require ongoing assistance and monitoring. Simultaneously, my mother suffers from congestive heart failure, necessitating regular care and emotional support that only close family can adequately provide. The inability to travel to Michigan prevents me from fulfilling my duty as a son to care for and support my aging parents during this vulnerable time in their lives, causing immense emotional distress for both them and myself.

Furthermore, this travel restriction hinders my capacity to maintain and support other vital family relationships. My aunt in Georgia is battling a serious heart condition, and my godfather in North Carolina is in the final stages of life, both of whom rely on familial visits for comfort and support during these challenging times. The order has already caused me to miss significant family events, including a maternal family reunion in Georgia on August 18, 2023, which serves as an important gathering for familial bonding and support. Additionally,

my spouse is Ugandan and resides in the United States, but my stepchildren live in Uganda. This restriction severely limits our ability to visit them, disrupting our family unity and preventing us from fulfilling our roles as parents and caregivers across international lines.

Professionally, the travel ban imposes substantial constraints on my livelihood and economic stability. My work frequently requires travel to neighboring states such as Georgia and North Carolina, where I have established professional relationships and employment opportunities essential for sustaining my income. The inability to pursue these opportunities due to the imposed travel restrictions leads to significant financial hardship, impeding my ability to meet personal and family financial obligations. This not only affects my current financial standing but also has long-term implications for my professional reputation and career advancement.

The comprehensive nature of this travel restriction is unduly punitive and lacks sufficient justification related to the circumstances of my case. It disrupts essential aspects of my life, including family support, emotional well-being, and financial stability. Such an extensive limitation on my freedom of movement is disproportionate and imposes unnecessary hardships that exacerbate the challenges I am already facing. The restriction fails to consider less restrictive measures that could achieve the intended purposes without causing such extensive personal and professional detriment.

In summary, the imposed travel restriction causes immediate and ongoing harm by severing critical family ties, obstructing essential caregiving responsibilities, and undermining my economic security. It constitutes a substantial infringement on my fundamental rights and liberties, warranting serious reconsideration and relief by the Court.

STANDARD OF REVIEW

The standard of review for immediately appealable interlocutory orders in South Carolina is governed by the South Carolina Code of Laws Section 14-3- 330 and South Carolina Appellate Court Rules 203(b). Rule 203(b) of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules states that an interlocutory order may be immediately appealed if it affects a substantial right.

In South Carolina, the appealability of interlocutory orders is governed by a clear standard that requires the order to either involve the merits of the case or affect a substantial right. As

established in *Mid-State Distributors, Inc. v. Century Importers, Inc.*, 310 S.C. 330, 426 S.E.2d 13 (1992), the South Carolina Supreme Court emphasized that an interlocutory order may be immediately appealed if it impacts a substantial right integral to the party's legal position, particularly when the order could result in significant harm or irreparable injury if not reviewed before the final judgment. This principle was further reinforced in *Burkey v. S.C. Dep't of Health & Human Servs.*, 398 S.C. 232, 726 S.E.2d 231 (2012), where the Court reiterated that for an interlocutory order to be immediately appealable, it must “involve[] the merits of the case or affect[] a substantial right.” These cases underscore the necessity of immediate appellate review when an order critically impacts the rights and legal standing of a party, ensuring that substantial issues are addressed promptly to prevent undue prejudice.

Interlocutory orders affecting a substantial right may be immediately appealed pursuant to 14-3-330(2). Orders affecting a substantial right discontinue an action, prevent an appeal, grant or refuse a new trial, or strike out an action or defense.

ARGUMENT

A. Prohibition on Alcohol Consumption restricts my personal freedom, autonomy and infringes on my substantial rights.

The order imposes a blanket prohibition on alcohol consumption, which severely restricts my personal freedom and autonomy, directly infringing on my substantial rights. This condition represents a significant overreach by the court, imposing a restriction on a lawful activity that bears no direct relation to the case at hand. The blanket nature of this restriction is particularly troubling, as it implies a presumption of misconduct or potential risk on my part without any evidence to support such an assumption. This unjustly stigmatizes me, casting a shadow over my character and reputation.

The blanket prohibition on alcohol is not tailored to my case, lacks factual basis, and violates my right to autonomy in personal decisions, as protected under the South Carolina Constitution and broader principles of personal liberty recognized in *Griswold v. Connecticut*, 381 U.S. 479 (1965).

B. Prohibition on Possession of Weapons is unwarranted, severe and incantational

The order prohibiting me from possessing weapons, despite my status as a lawful owner of firearms, represents a severe infringement on my constitutional right to bear arms as guaranteed by the Second Amendment. Given the numerous legal battles I am engaged in, and the explicit and implied threats I have received, this prohibition places me and my family in immediate danger.

The U.S. Supreme Court in *District of Columbia v. Heller*, 554 U.S. 570 (2008), reaffirmed the fundamental right to possess firearms for self-defense in the home. This right is even more critical in my situation, where threats to my safety are not hypothetical but real and ongoing. The court in *Heller* made it clear that blanket prohibitions on firearm possession, especially when they impair self-defense, are unconstitutional. The order in question ignores the heightened risks I face and fails to provide any compelling justification for stripping me of my right to self-defense, thus violating both state and federal constitutional protections.

C. Gag Order imposed by court is an extreme violation of my first amendment right

The order imposes a sweeping gag order on me, my agents, employees, and legal counsel, prohibiting any of us from speaking publicly about this case. This gag order is an extreme and unjustified restriction that severely infringes on my First Amendment right to free speech. It prevents me from sharing my side of the story, defending my character, and countering the slanderous accusations made by the Probate Court.

In *Nebraska Press Ass'n v. Stuart*, 427 U.S. 539 (1976), the U.S. Supreme Court struck down a gag order on the grounds that it was a prior restraint on speech, a practice highly disfavored under the First Amendment. The gag order imposed on me similarly constitutes an unjustified prior restraint, especially given that it was not narrowly tailored to serve a compelling governmental interest, as required under *Reno v. ACLU*, 521 U.S. 844 (1997). The order extends beyond reasonable limits, restricting not only my speech but also that of others who wish to advocate for me, which further exacerbates its unconstitutional overreach.

D. Travel Restriction significantly infringes on my fundamental right to travel and affects my familial responsibilities.

The order imposes a strict prohibition on my ability to leave the state of South Carolina, significantly infringing upon my fundamental right to travel freely. This restriction gravely

affects my familial responsibilities, particularly the need to care for my elderly parents in Michigan and to maintain other vital family relationships.

The right to interstate travel is a fundamental right protected by the Privileges and Immunities Clause of the U.S. Constitution, as recognized in *Saenz v. Roe*, 526 U.S. 489 (1999). The court in *Shapiro v. Thompson*, 394 U.S. 618 (1969), held that any state action that significantly impedes the right to travel must be narrowly tailored to serve a compelling governmental interest. The travel restriction imposed on me fails this test, as it is not justified by any substantial state interest and disproportionately impacts my ability to provide essential care to my family and to fulfill professional obligations that require interstate travel.

CONCLUSION

The conditions imposed by the "Order of Release" clearly affect my substantial rights and cause immediate harm. The prohibition on alcohol consumption unjustly limits my personal freedom; the prohibition on weapons possession endangers my safety and that of my family; the gag order infringes on my constitutional right to free speech; and the travel restriction disrupts my family obligations and professional life. These conditions are disproportionate, unjustified, and represent an overreach of judicial authority. I respectfully request that the Court reconsider its decision to dismiss my appeal and allow the appeal to proceed on the grounds that these substantial rights have been unjustly infringed.

PRAYERS FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, the Appellant, Dr. Jason Michael Boyle, respectfully requests that this Honorable Court grant the following relief:

1. Reconsideration of Dismissal: That the Court reconsider its decision to dismiss the appeal dated August 12, 2024, on the grounds that the "Order of Release" signed on July 17, 2024, by the Clerk of Judge McIntosh of the Tenth Circuit Court of South Carolina, imposes conditions that significantly infringe upon the Appellant's substantial rights and, therefore, is appealable.
2. Vacating or Modifying the "Order of Release":

- That the Court vacate or modify the condition prohibiting the Appellant from consuming alcohol, as it unjustly infringes upon the Appellant's personal freedom and autonomy without any demonstrated connection to the legal matters at hand.
 - That the Court vacate or modify the condition prohibiting the Appellant from possessing weapons, as it violates the Appellant's constitutional right to bear arms and places his life and the safety of his family in immediate danger.
 - That the Court vacate or modify the gag order, as it imposes an unconstitutional restriction on the Appellant's First Amendment right to free speech, preventing him from defending his character and publicly addressing the ongoing legal battles.
 - That the Court vacate or modify the travel restriction, as it unreasonably limits the Appellant's fundamental right to travel, thereby preventing him from fulfilling familial obligations and pursuing necessary professional activities.
2. **Declaratory Relief:** That the Court declare the conditions imposed by the "Order of Release" to be an overreach of judicial authority and a violation of the Appellant's constitutional rights.
 3. **Injunction:** That the Court issue an injunction preventing the enforcement of the aforementioned conditions pending the outcome of the appeal, to prevent further harm to the Appellant's rights, personal safety, and well-being.
 4. **Any Other Relief:** That the Court grant any other relief that it deems just and proper under the circumstances, including but not limited to the restoration of the Appellant's rights and liberties that have been unjustly infringed by the "Order of Release."

Respectfully Submitted, this August 25, 2024.



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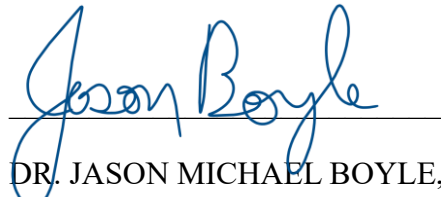
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AMENDED NOTICE OF APPEAL

The Appellant, Dr. Jason Michael Boyle, hereby files this Amended Notice of Appeal to include the Order of Contempt issued by the Honorable Judge Lawton McIntosh on September 16, 2024, in addition to the initial Order of Release dated July 17, 2024, which was already appealed on July 25, 2024. Both orders are being challenged on multiple grounds, including jurisdictional errors and violations of the Appellant's substantial constitutional rights.

BACKGROUND

1. **Original Appeal Filed:** On July 25, 2024, the Appellant filed a notice of appeal to challenge the Order of Release issued by Judge McIntosh on July 17, 2024. This order imposed restrictive conditions, including a gag order, which the Appellant asserts infringes upon his First Amendment rights and other substantial liberties.
2. **Additional Contempt Order Issued on September 16, 2024:** While the appeal of the Order of Release was pending, Judge McIntosh issued an Order of Contempt on September 16, 2024, finding the Appellant in contempt for allegedly violating the gag order by posting a video on July 19, 2024, and publishing an article on September 8, 2024. The Appellant contends that this contempt order is based on factually incorrect

evidence, as no such video was posted on July 19, 2024, on the Appellant's YouTube channel.

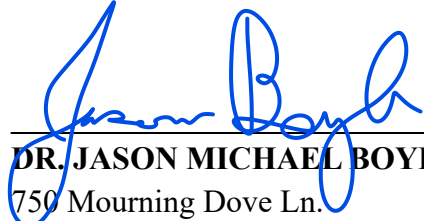
3. **Jurisdictional Errors:** The Order of Contempt was issued while the Order of Release was under appeal, which, pursuant to South Carolina law, stayed the enforcement of the gag order. Accordingly, the lower court was divested of jurisdiction over the matter, and any enforcement actions, including the contempt finding, were outside the court's jurisdiction. The Order of Contempt was issued without proper authority, further exacerbating the violation of the Appellant's constitutional rights.
4. **Improper Ex Parte Communication:** The Appellant further contends that Judge Danny Singleton's attorney engaged in improper ex parte communication with Judge McIntosh, which resulted in the wrongful issuance of a Rule to Show Cause without proper notice or due process. This improper communication and the resulting order violated the Appellant's rights and contributed to the finding of contempt.

The Appellant now amends his notice of appeal to include the Order of Contempt issued on September 16, 2024, in addition to the already-appealed Order of Release issued on July 17, 2024. Both orders must be reviewed together, as they directly relate to each other and present overlapping legal issues regarding the lower court's jurisdiction and the Appellant's constitutional rights.

RELIEF SOUGHT

The Appellant respectfully requests that this Court:

1. **Review Both Orders:** Review both the Order of Release dated July 17, 2024, and the Order of Contempt dated September 16, 2024, together in the context of this appeal.
2. **Vacate Both Orders:** Vacate the Order of Release and the Order of Contempt on the grounds that they were improperly issued, are based on incorrect evidence, and violate the Appellant's substantial rights, including his First Amendment rights.
3. **Provide Further Relief:** Grant any other relief that the Court deems just and proper under the circumstances.



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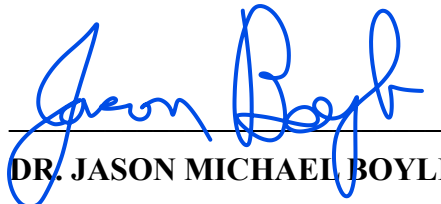
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MOTION TO AMEND NOTICE OF APPEAL

COMES NOW the Appellant, Dr. Jason Michael Boyle, and respectfully moves this Honorable Court to amend the Notice of Appeal filed in this case to include the contempt order issued on September 16, 2024, by Judge Lewton McIntosh. The following grounds support this motion.

GROUND FOR THE MOTION

1. **Relevance of the Contempt Order:** The contempt order issued on September 16, 2024, is directly connected to the issues under appeal, as it relates to the enforcement of the gag order imposed as part of the "Order of Release" issued on July 17, 2024. Both the order and the subsequent contempt are intertwined, and it is crucial that the contempt order is reviewed in conjunction with the original appeal to ensure a comprehensive resolution of all issues at hand.
2. **Jurisdictional Deficiencies:** When the contempt order was issued, the "Order of Release" was already under appeal, meaning the lower court no longer had jurisdiction to enforce the gag order or hold the Appellant in contempt. Furthermore, the Appellant did not post any content on YouTube on July 19, 2024, as alleged in the contempt proceedings, rendering the factual basis for the contempt finding incorrect.
3. **Improper Ex Parte Communications:** Attorney Jim Logan, representing Judge Danny Singleton, engaged in improper ex parte communication with Judge Lewton McIntosh, leading to the issuance of the Rule to Show Cause. The Appellant was not given the

opportunity to defend against these allegations before the contempt proceedings were initiated, violating fundamental principles of due process. This improper communication occurred while the original order was under appellate review, further indicating the lower court exceeded its jurisdiction.

4. **Preservation of Appellant's Rights:** Amending the notice of appeal to include the September 16, 2024, contempt order is essential to preserve the Appellant's rights. Failure to include this recent order could expose the Appellant to enforcement actions based on an improperly issued contempt finding, thus prejudicing his legal standing.
5. **Judicial Efficiency:** Reviewing the "Order of Release" and the subsequent contempt order in a single appeal promotes judicial efficiency and prevents piecemeal litigation. Both matters arise from the same legal proceedings, and consolidating them within this appeal will avoid conflicting rulings and repetitive litigation.
6. **Timeliness of the Motion:** This motion is timely filed, as it comes immediately following the issuance of the contempt order on September 16, 2024, and is within the permissible timeframe for amending the notice of appeal under the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules.

ARGUMENTS

I. The Gag Order Was Stayed Pending Appeal and Was Therefore Unenforceable:

A. **Filing of the Appeal Stayed the Enforcement of the Gag Order:** Under South Carolina law, the filing of a notice of appeal operates as a stay of the judgment or order being appealed, particularly when the order affects substantial rights. See Rule 241(a), SCACR. The gag order, which restricts the Appellant's First Amendment rights, qualifies as such an order. Thus, the gag order was automatically stayed upon the filing of the appeal, rendering its enforcement improper during this period.

B. **Lack of Jurisdiction to Enforce the Gag Order During Appeal:** Once an appeal is filed, the lower court is divested of jurisdiction over matters involved in the appeal. By enforcing the gag order and holding the Appellant in contempt, the lower court acted without jurisdiction, and its contempt order is void.

II. There Is No Evidence That Appellant Violated the Gag Order Before the Appeal:

A. The Alleged Video Was Posted Before the Gag Order Was Issued: Respondents claim the Appellant posted a video on July 19, 2024, in violation of the gag order. However, YouTube records show that the video in question was posted on June 19, 2024, before both the issuance and the Appellant's receipt of the gag order on July 22, 2024.

B. The Evidence Presented by Respondents Is Misleading: The Respondents' evidence, a low-resolution screenshot, inaccurately reflects the actual posting date. Verifiable records from YouTube confirm the video was posted prior to the gag order, undermining the basis for the contempt finding.

III. The Contempt Finding Based on the September 8, 2024 Article Is Invalid:

A. The Gag Order Was Stayed When the Article Was Published: The article published by the Appellant on September 8, 2024, occurred after the appeal was filed and during the stay of the gag order. As such, the publication cannot constitute a violation of the stayed gag order.

B. The Contempt Finding Infringes on Appellant's First Amendment Rights: Even if the gag order were enforceable, penalizing the Appellant for the article would violate his First Amendment rights. Prior restraints on speech are presumptively unconstitutional, and the gag order's enforcement in this context is an overreach.

IV. The Court's Actions Constitute an Abuse of Discretion:

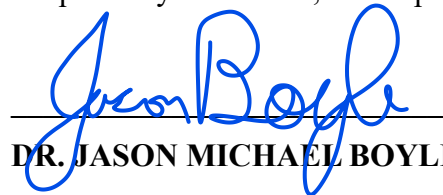
By enforcing a stayed gag order and relying on incorrect evidence, the lower court abused its discretion. The contempt order lacks evidentiary support and is based on legal error, which necessitates its reversal.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, the Appellant, Dr. Jason Michael Boyle, respectfully requests that this Honorable Court grant the following relief:

1. **Amendment of Notice of Appeal:** Allow the Appellant to amend the notice of appeal to include the order of contempt issued by Judge Lewton McIntosh on September 16, 2024.
2. **Any Other Relief:** Grant any other relief that the Court deems just and proper.

Respectfully Submitted, this September 21, 2024.



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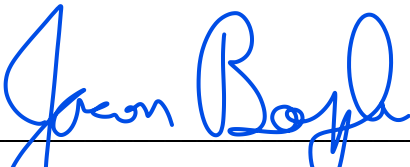
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Dear South Carolina Court of appeals,

I was held in contempt of court on September 16 by judge McIntosh of the 10th circuit court for violation of an order that is pending in appeals. I am pro se. The order is stayed, until the Appeals Court makes the decision. If the order is stayed, that maintains the status quo, and that means the gag order is not enforceable at this time.

If the appeals court could clarify this, I would greatly appreciate it.

Best regards,
Jason Boyle

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS**

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**Jason M. Boyle, Ph.D.,
Appellant**

v.

**Danny Singleton, Probate Judge,
Respondent**

MOTION FOR CLARIFICATION UNDER S.C. APP. CT. R. 240

COMES NOW, the Appellant, **Jason M. Boyle, Ph.D.**, pro se, and respectfully submits this Motion for Clarification pursuant to **S.C. App. Ct. R. 240** of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules. The Appellant requests that this Court clarify the scope of the automatic stay imposed by the appeal of the **July 17, 2024, emergency release order**, as well as the limits of the circuit court's jurisdiction to enforce the contested order. In support of this motion, the Appellant states the following:

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

1. On July 17, 2024, an emergency order was issued by the circuit court, granting the appellant a personal recognizance bond.
2. The release order, however, imposed significant restrictions on the appellant's First and Second Amendment rights as well as limitations on freedom of travel, among other conditions.

3. On **July 25, 2024**, the Appellant **filed a notice of appeal** contesting the release order. This appeal triggered an **automatic stay** under **S.C. App. Ct. R. 241**, which remains in effect unless formally lifted.
4. On **August 12, 2024**, the Court of Appeals **denied the appeal** as interlocutory. However, the Appellant did not receive notice of this denial until **August 22, 2024**.
5. On **August 25, 2024**, the Appellant filed a **motion for reconsideration** with this Court, arguing that the restrictions imposed by the release order infringe upon the Appellant's substantial rights. This **motion remains pending** before the South Carolina Court of Appeals.
6. Despite the pending motion, on **September 16, 2024**, Judge McIntosh of the 10th Circuit Court held the Appellant **in contempt of the release order** for an alleged violation that occurred on **September 8, 2024** while appellant's appeal is pending.

ARGUMENT

The Appellant contends that the circuit court does not have jurisdiction to enforce the **July 17, 2024, release order** while the appeal is pending. **S.C. App. Ct. R. 241** establishes that the filing of a notice of appeal results in an **automatic stay** of the appealed order and any relief granted therein. The following provisions of Rule 241 are directly applicable:

“The service of a notice of appeal in a civil matter acts to automatically stay matters decided in the order, judgment, decree, or decision on appeal, and to automatically stay the relief ordered in the appealed order, judgment, or decree or decision.”

This provision makes clear that the filing of the notice of appeal triggered an **automatic stay** of the relief ordered on the July 17, 2024, release order.

Accordingly, “This automatic stay continues in effect for the duration of the appeal unless lifted by order of the lower court, the administrative tribunal, appellate court, or judge or justice of the appellate court.”

No such order lifting the stay has been issued in this case, and the **automatic stay remains in place.**

“The effect of the granting of a supersedeas is to suspend or stay the matters decided in the order, judgment, decree, or decision on appeal and, where a prior order or decision was in effect at the time the appealed order was filed, to revive the terms of the prior order.”

This reinforces that the parties must be returned to the **status quo** prior to the appealed order.

“The lower court or administrative tribunal retains jurisdiction over matters not affected by the appeal, including the authority to enforce any matters not stayed by the appeal.”

As the restrictions imposed by the July 17 order are directly subject to the appeal, the court **does not have jurisdiction to enforce** them.

Accordingly, any enforcement of the release order, including the **September 16 contempt ruling**, is **outside the jurisdiction** of the circuit court and violates the stay under Rule 241.

RELIEF REQUESTED

The Appellant respectfully requests that the **South Carolina Court of Appeals**:

1. **Clarify** that the **automatic stay under Rule 241** applies to the July 17, 2024, release order.
2. **Instruct the 10th Circuit Court** that it **lacks jurisdiction** to enforce the release order or hold the Appellant in contempt while the appeal is pending.
3. Confirm that the **status quo prior to the release order** must be maintained, and the **restrictions imposed by the order are not enforceable** at this time.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, the Appellant requests that this Court grant the relief requested and **clarify the scope of the automatic stay and the limits on the circuit court's jurisdiction.**

Respectfully submitted,

Respectfully Submitted, this October 10, 2024.

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Civil Action No: 2024-CP-37-00451

ORDER ON DEFENDANT'S
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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.

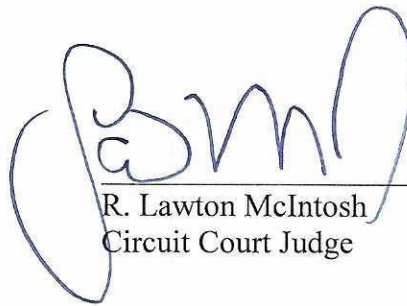
Subsequent to the issuance of the Release Order and Personal Recognizance Bond, it was brought to the Court’s attention by the attorney for Judge Singleton that Appellant had posted an entry online on Appellant’s website in violation of this Court’s gag order.

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

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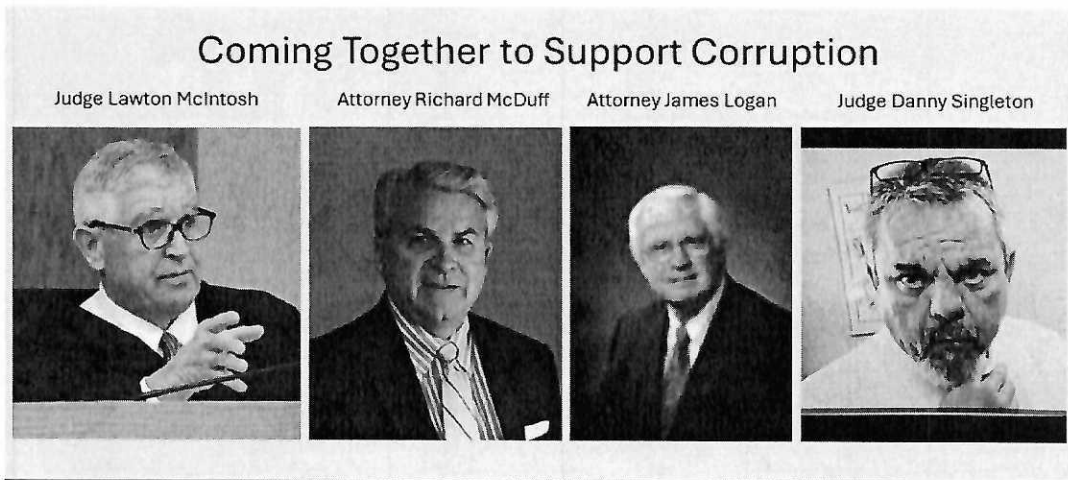
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10 CIRCUIT COURT

Jason M. Boyle

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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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