

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
COUNTY OF CHARLESTON )  
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Teqyah Campbell and Lamona Armstrong, )  
as parent and Legal Guardian of R.C., a )  
minor, )  
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Plaintiffs, )  
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v. )  
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City of Isle of Palms and Isle of Palms )  
Police Dept., )  
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Defendants. )  
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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
FOR THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

CASE NO.: 2025-CP-10-01024

**ORDER**

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**SC Court of Appeals**

This matter came before the Court on August 4, 2025, on the Motion to Dismiss filed by Defendants City of Isle of Palms and Isle of Palms Police Department pursuant to Rule 12(b)(6) of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure. James E. Haarsgaard of Richardson, Plowden & Robinson, P.A. appeared on behalf of the Defendants while Sean M. Wilson of the Law Office of Sean M. Wilson, LLC appeared on behalf of the Plaintiffs. The Court reviewed the pleadings and motions filed in the above-captioned litigation, including the Defendants’ Motion to Dismiss and Memorandum of Law in Support as well as the Plaintiffs’ Memorandum in Opposition to Defendants’ Motion to Dismiss. Upon careful consideration of all briefs and submissions, as well as the arguments of counsel at the hearing, the Court hereby grants the Defendants’ Motion on all causes of action ending the present case.

**I. FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

According to the Plaintiffs’ Complaint, this case arises out of a criminal act committed by a high school student at a public beach on the Isle of Palms on April 7, 2023. The Plaintiffs allege that they were present on the beach when a high school student participating in “Senior Skip Day...discharged his firearm, injuring several people,” including the Plaintiffs. Following the

incident, the gunman was charged with five counts of attempted murder. See Charleston County Public Index, Davion Singleton, <https://jcmsweb.charlestoncounty.org/PublicIndex/PISearch.aspx> (last visited July 28, 2025). The Plaintiffs filed this action against the City and its Police Department on February 24, 2025 through which they assert a single cause of action for negligence/gross negligence.

## II. DISCUSSION

Defendants assert that they are entitled to the immunities and protections under the South Carolina Tort Claims Act, S.C. Code Ann. § 15-78-10, *et seq.* The Act is the exclusive civil remedy available for tort claims against a governmental entity. See S.C. Code Ann. 15-78-20(b); Murphy v. Richland Mem'l Hosp., 317 S.C. 560, 455 S.E. 2d 688 (1995). The Act contains exceptions to the government’s waiver of immunity and specifically provides that a “governmental entity is not liable for a loss resulting from[] an act or omission of a person other than an employee including but not limited to the criminal actions of third persons.” S.C. Code Ann. 15-78-60(20).

In this case, Plaintiffs’ Complaint alleges that Plaintiffs were injured by a high school student when the student discharged his firearm into a crowd on a public beach. The Plaintiffs do not allege that the high school student was an employee of the Defendants, and Plaintiffs’ counsel confirmed during the hearing on Defendants’ Motion that the Plaintiffs’ injuries were the result of the high school student’s criminal actions. Public court records reflect that the high school student was charged with five counts of attempted murder following this incident. The Court finds that, under the foregoing circumstances, S.C. Code Ann. 15-78-60(20) bars Plaintiffs’ claims against the Defendants.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Because the Court finds that S.C. Code Ann. 15-78-60(20) is dispositive of the Plaintiffs’ claims, the Defendants’ remaining arguments in favor of dismissal are moot.

**III. CONCLUSION**

For the reasons set forth herein, the court GRANTS the Defendants' Motion to Dismiss on all causes of action and hereby dismisses the same with prejudice.

**AND IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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The Honorable Benjamin H. Culbertson  
Presiding Judge

August \_\_, 2025  
Charleston County, South Carolina



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s/Benjamin H. Culbertson, Judge Code 2148