

Ava Sykes  
PLAINTIFF(S)

Greenville County  
DEFENDANT(S)

**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.
- 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:

This matter came before the Court on September 24, 2025, upon a Motion for Summary Judgment by, Greenville County, Defendant. Upon a review by this Court of the filings in this case, the South Carolina Tort Claims Act, and the South Carolina Recreational Use Statute, this Court finds:

- 1) Greenville County, Defendant, Motion for Summary Judgment is granted.
- 2) The law imposes no duty upon Defendant with regard to injuries sustained by Plaintiff in the absence notice of the defective condition. Also, no evidence that Defendant failed to correct the alleged defective asphalt within a reasonable time, assuming notice was given. Affidavits of Ty Houck and Steward Lawrence unequivocally state there was no constructive and actual notice provided. SC Code Ann. §15-78-60(9-10)(2025).
- 3) In the alternative, claim is barred by S.C. Code Ann. §23-3-30 & 60 (2025). There is no evidence of gross negligence upon review of photos and affidavits.

**ORDER INFORMATION**

This order  ends  does not end the case.  See Page 2 for additional information.

**For Clerk of Court Office Use Only**

This judgment was electronically entered by the Clerk of Court as reflected on the Electronic Time Stamp, and a copy mailed first class to any party not proceeding in the Electronic Filing System on 09/30/2025 .

NAMES OF TRADITIONAL FILERS SERVED BY MAIL

**Court Reporter:**

**E-Filing Note:** The date of Entry of Judgment is the same date as reflected on the Electronic File Stamp and the clerk's entering of the date of judgment above is not required in those counties. The clerk will mail a copy of the judgment to parties who are not E-Filers or who are appearing pro se. See Rule 77(d), SCRCP.

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Mr. Riordan, please prepare and order consistent with this decision within fifteen (15) days.

It Is So Ordered.



Greenville Common Pleas

**Case Caption:** Ava Sykes vs. Greenville County , defendant, et al

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So Ordered

Vernon F. Dunbar

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