

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF SALUDA)

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

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SC Court of Appeals

CHRISTIAN G. SPRADLEY and)
TAYLOR MOORE, LLC)

Plaintiffs)

vs.)

RESTRAINING ORDER

2020-CP-41-00075

DEBRAH J. TAYLOR GREENE and)
DAVID GREENE)

Defendants)

The Plaintiffs filed a defamation action against the Defendants. A jury returned a verdict, on November 14, 2025, in favor of the Plaintiffs for \$75,000 (\$25,000 actual damages and \$50,000 punitive damages).

The Defendants over the years posted, via social media, etc., multiple defamatory remarks against the Plaintiffs and others. In addition, the Defendants mailed to individuals and businesses (approximately 150) mailings containing defamatory statements in Saluda about the Plaintiffs. The Defendant, Debrah Greene, while on the

witness stand at trial stated that she would continue the above conduct notwithstanding the outcome of the trial. The egregiousness of the Defendants' conduct can not be adequately explained in this Order other than to simply state in somewhat legal terms that "it was bad and beyond being over the top"!

BASED UPON THE COURT'S *SUA SPONTE* MOTION IN LIGHT OF THE VERDICT REACHED IN THIS CASE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED (ALL CAPS INTENTIONAL):

1. THAT THE DEFENDANTS, OR ANYONE ON THEIR BEHALF, ARE ENJOINED AND RESTRAINED FROM COMMUNICATING ANYTHING OF WHATSOEVER KIND OR NATURE ABOUT THE PLAINTIFFS; KATHY RUSHTON; HENRIETTA GILL; BILLY COLEMAN OR ANYONE ELSE CONNECTED TO THIS CASE AND THE TRIAL OF THIS CASE INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, JURORS; COURT STAFF; AND ANY OTHERS VIA MAIL, EMAIL, SOCIAL MEDIA, INTERNET, VERBAL OR OTHERWISE FROM THIS POINT FORWARD.

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2. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS ORDER SHALL SUBJECT THE DEFENDANTS TO SANCTIONS BY THIS COURT, MONETARY AND/OR IMPRISONMENT.
3. THIS ORDER IS RENDERED AS AN EXTENSION OF THE PERSONAL JURISDICTION OVER THE DEFENDANT ALREADY ESTABLISHED IN THIS DEFAMATORY ACTION.
4. THE DEFENDANTS SHALL IMMEDIATELY TAKE DOWN ALL POSTS VIA SOCIAL MEDIA AND THE INTERNET CONCERNING THIS CASE.

SO ORDERED.



DONALD B. HOCKER
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

Laurens, South Carolina

Date:

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Note: The above ruling was made from the Bench after the verdict was announced.