

The South Carolina Court of Appeals

Princeton Williams, Appellant,

v.

William "Bill" Rhodes, and Elizabeth Holcomb,
Respondents.


Appellate Case No. 2025-002279

ORDER

On November 12, 2025, Appellant filed a notice of appeal from a circuit court order granting summary judgment in favor of Respondents. The circuit court awarded Respondents \$100,301.00 in damages, stated Respondents were entitled to evict Appellant from the property, and directed Appellant to vacate the property within thirty days of the filing of the order.

On December 5, 2025, Appellant filed a motion asking this court to "[g]rant an emergency stay of execution of the eviction and [w]rit of [e]jectment provisions" of the circuit court order "pending final resolution of the appeal," "[o]rder that Appellant shall maintain possession the property . . . during the pendency of the appeal," and order that the money judgment shall "remain enforceable and may be satisfied through traditional collection methods." A review of the public index revealed Appellant filed a "motion for permission to file emergency motion to stay out of time" on December 5, 2025, in the circuit court. By an order filed December 16, 2025, the circuit court granted a temporary stay of execution of the order as to the eviction until such time that the circuit court could hear the motion. The circuit court scheduled the hearing for January 14, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. Thus, we denied Appellant's motion because it was properly before the circuit court. *See* Rule 241(c)(d)(1), SCACR ("Except where extraordinary circumstances make it impracticable, an application for an order lifting the automatic stay or for supersedeas must first be made to the lower court or administrative tribunal which entered the order or decision on appeal.").

On February 3, 2026, Appellant filed an "immediate emergency motion to reduce bond security for stay of execution pending appeal." Although Appellant did not provide a copy of the circuit court's order, which he asks this court to alter, a review of the public index reveals that on January 21, 2026, the circuit court issued an order granting a stay of the order on appeal pending the appeal conditioned upon payment of a bond. No return was filed. After careful consideration, we deny Appellant's "immediate emergency motion to reduce bond security for stay of execution pending appeal." *See* Rule 241(d)(7), SCACR ("Any party aggrieved by the decision of the lower court . . . may petition under this Rule for a review of that decision.").

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FOR THE COURT

J.

Columbia, South Carolina

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