

The South Carolina Court of Appeals

Thomas McElveen, as next friend of O.M., a minor child,
Appellant,

v.

South Carolina Department of Corrections, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2026-000120

ORDER

On January 16, 2026, Appellant filed a notice of appeal of a circuit court's order denying Appellant's motion to amend his complaint. Upon receiving the notice of appeal, this court requested memoranda from the parties regarding the appealability of the order on appeal.

After considering both parties' memoranda, it appears the order on appeal is moot because the circuit court order dismissing the case was not appealed to this court and thus any judgment by this court will have no practical legal effect. *See Sloan v. Greenville Cnty.*, 380 S.C. 528, 535, 670 S.E.2d 663, 667 (Ct. App. 2009) ("A case becomes moot when judgment, if rendered, will have no practical legal effect upon the existing controversy."). Remittitur will be sent as required by Rule 221(b) of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules.



FOR THE COURT

J.

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