

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In The Supreme Court

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Appeal from the Circuit Court of Laurens County, South Carolina  
HONORABLE FRANK R. ADDY, JR., CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

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Case No. 2011-190695  
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The State ..... Respondent,

vs.

Ashley N. Hepburn ..... Appellant.  
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**MOTION FOR STAY OF SENTENCE AND RELEASE ON BOND**  
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Pursuant to Rule 246(a), SCACR, Ashley N. Hepburn (“Hepburn”) hereby petitions this Honorable Court for a stay of her sentence and an appeal bond consistent with S.C. Code Ann. § 18-1-80. This Court has directed Hepburn’s acquittal. In the interest of justice, she should be released from incarceration on a personal recognizance bond. Or, in the alternative, this Court should direct that she be released on a bond with such terms that it deems appropriate under the circumstances.

Hepburn was convicted of homicide by child abuse on March 3, 2011, and was thereafter sentenced to a forty-five (45) year term of imprisonment. Hepburn timely filed a notice of appeal in the court of appeals on April 25, 2011. On October 3, 2012 this Court certified this case for review pursuant to Rule 204(b), SCACR. Oral argument was held on December 4, 2012. On December 11, 2013 this Court issued its decision in the above-captioned matter, which directed Hepburn’s acquittal. *See State v. Hepburn*, Op. No. 27366 (S.C.Sup.Ct. filed December

11, 2013) (Shearouse Adv.Sh. 52 at 17). Nonetheless, Hepburn remains incarcerated at the Camille Graham Correctional Institution on Broad River Road in Columbia, South Carolina. She has been incarcerated at that location for nearly three years. Hepburn has been acquitted and seeks her release from prison on a personal recognizance bond or, alternatively, on a bond with such terms as this Court deems appropriate.

Undersigned counsel is informed by Daniel Hepburn, the victim's father, that he supports this motion and would like to see Hepburn released as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,



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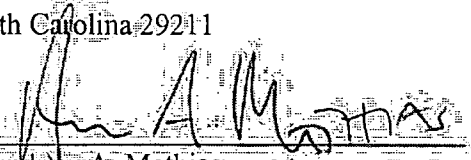
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**PROOF OF SERVICE**

I, Andrew A. Mathias, hereby certify that I served the Motion for Stay of Sentence and Release on Bond by depositing a copy of it in the United States mail, first-class postage prepaid, on December 13, 2013, addressed to Respondent's attorneys of record, as follows:

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