

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF Saluda  
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

JUDGMENT IN A CIVIL CASE

CASE NO. 2025CP4100150

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Hugh Price  
PLAINTIFF(S)

Rebecca Bartley  
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:

Defendant's motion to dismiss came before this Court for a hearing on March 26, 2026. At the hearing, Defense Counsel informed this Court that Defendant (an employee of the Sheriff's Department) had not been properly served as she was served personally instead of process being served on the Sheriff's Office or the Attorney General's Office as the South Carolina Tort Claims Act requires.

Plaintiff claimed that it was permissible to serve Defendant personally because he believes Defendant does not fall under the definition of a "State Officer" as outlined by the statute. This Court agrees with the Defendant based upon the applicable law and the allegations set forth in the Complaint. Defendant was not properly served with this lawsuit. Therefore, Defendant's motion to dismiss is hereby GRANTED WITHOUT PREJUDICE. Defendant may re-file this lawsuit and ensure proper service of process upon the Defendant(s).

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 04/01/2026 .

Hugh Price for Hugh Price  
 Rebecca Bartley for Rebecca Bartley  
 Rebecca Bartley for Rebecca Bartley  
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It Is So Ordered

s/ Walton J. McLeod