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SC Court of Appeals

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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BRYANTAVIOUS MURRAY, ) ) Plaintiff/Appellant, ) ) v. ) Case No. [PENDING  
ASSIGNMENT] ) LEROY CARTLEDGE, ) ) Defendant/Respondent. )

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MOTION TO EXPEDITE

NOW COMES the Plaintiff/Appellant, BRYANTAVIOUS MURRAY, by and through his own efforts, and pursuant to Rule 204 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules (SCACR), respectfully moves this Honorable Court for an expedited briefing schedule and accelerated resolution of this appeal, and in support thereof states as follows:

1. This appeal involves matters of significant public interest and constitutional urgency.
2. The issues presented affect not only Appellant but potentially numerous other incarcerated individuals who may face similar retaliation for exercising their First Amendment rights to file grievances.
3. The constitutional violations alleged - retaliation for protected speech and deliberate indifference to serious medical needs - require prompt judicial resolution.
4. Appellant continues to suffer ongoing harm from the alleged constitutional violations, including documented mental health deterioration.
5. Expedited resolution is in the public interest as it will provide clarity on the legal standards governing prisoner retaliation claims and deliberate indifference to mental health needs in correctional facilities.
6. The legal issues presented are straightforward and amenable to prompt resolution, despite the factual complexity.
7. Rule 204, SCACR, permits the Court to expedite appeals when “the interests of justice so require.”

8. The interests of justice require expedition because:
- a. Appellant's First Amendment and Eighth Amendment rights are at stake;
  - b. The issues presented are recurring and will benefit from prompt appellate guidance;
  - c. Appellant is incarcerated and has limited ability to mitigate ongoing harms;
  - d. The public has an interest in ensuring correctional facilities operate within constitutional bounds.

WHEREFORE, premises considered, Appellant respectfully requests this Honorable Court to grant the following relief:

- A. Set an expedited briefing schedule for this appeal;
- B. Set this matter for expedited hearing or decision;
- C. Grant priority status to this appeal on the Court's docket;
- D. Grant such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

Respectfully submitted this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 202\_\_.

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Bryantavious Murray Plaintiff/Appellant, Pro Se [Your SCDC Inmate Number] [Your Current Institution] [Institution Address] [City, State ZIP]

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, BRYANTAVIOUS MURRAY, hereby certify that on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 202\_\_, I served a true and correct copy of the foregoing Motion to Expedite upon:

Leroy Cartledge South Carolina Department of Corrections Broad River Correctional Institution 4460 Broad River Road Columbia, SC 29210

By placing same in the United States Mail, first-class postage prepaid, properly addressed to Respondent at his last known address.

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Bryantavious Murray Plaintiff/Appellant, Pro Se

Date: \_\_\_\_\_