

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF SUMTER)

Jawana Wilson, as Personal)
Representative of the Estate of Janet)
Wilson,)
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Plaintiff,)
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v.)
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Sumter County Sheriff's Office,)
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Defendant.)
_____)

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

C/A #: 22-CP-43-00728

ORDER GRANTING
MOTION TO BIFURCATE

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SC Court of Appeals

This matter came before the Court on Defendant's Motion to Bifurcate pursuant to Rule 42(b) SCRCF. The Court heard arguments on this matter on September 23, 2025. Wilson Jackson appeared for Plaintiff and David Morrison and Steven Spreuwers appeared for Defendant. After reviewing the parties' submissions and hearing arguments from counsel, the Court hereby GRANTS Defendant's motion to bifurcate because, in this contested liability case, it would be in judicial economy for the jury to determine the total verdict amount before determining whether there are multiple occurrences of negligence under the Tort Claim Act. The jury could award less than the statutory cap for the value of the decedent's life, which would prevent the jury from hearing several days of testimony related to negligent hiring, training, and retention. Also, the Court finds that due to the nature of the allegations surrounding Deputy West's employment history, trying these causes of action along with the negligence causes of action would unduly prejudice the Defendant.

IT IS ORDERED

This the _____ day of December, 2025, at _____, South Carolina.

Honorable R. Kirk Griffin



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So Ordered

s/ R. Kirk Griffin 2768