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S.C. SUPREME COURT

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
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 COUNTY OF LEXINGTON )  
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 Timothy Ray Jones, #5289, )  
 ) Applicant, )  
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 vs. )  
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 State of South Carolina, )  
 ) Respondent. )  
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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
FOR THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Case No. 2024-CP-32-01312

**ORDER REGARDING EVALUATION  
OF APPLICANT**

This matter came before the Court on May 26, 2026, for a status conference with counsel for Applicant, counsel for Respondent, and representatives of the South Carolina Department of Mental Health and the South Carolina Department of Corrections ("SCDC"). The parties addressed the logistics of evaluating Applicant's competency in this capital post-conviction relief action in light of Applicant's refusal to be transported for evaluation by the Office of Mental Health personnel. The parties agreed that Dr. Donna S. Maddox, who has previously treated Applicant, will be retained by Applicant's counsel to conduct the evaluation at SCDC's Broad River Secure Facility ("the Facility"), and that Dr. Maddox may evaluate Applicant outside of the cell in the event Applicant declines to be brought to a meeting room within the Facility.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

1. Dr. Donna S. Maddox is authorized to enter the Facility for the purpose of conducting a competency evaluation of Applicant.
2. In the event Applicant declines to be brought to a meeting room within the Facility, Dr. Maddox is authorized to conduct her evaluation, including observation of Applicant, from outside Applicant's cell.

3. Dr. Maddox may bring such materials and supplies as she deems necessary to conduct her evaluation, provided that she notifies SCDC in advance and obtains SCDC's approval of the items to be brought into the Facility.

4. Nothing in this Order shall limit SCDC's authority to take such security measures as it deems necessary or appropriate in connection with the evaluation authorized herein.

**AND IT IS SO ORDERED.**



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Hon. Robert E. Hood  
Presiding Judge by Special Assignment of the  
Supreme Court of South Carolina

6/2, 2026  
Columbia, South Carolina