

The South Carolina Court of Appeals

Christopher Jones, Jane Freeman, and Shaynia Mayes,
Appellants,

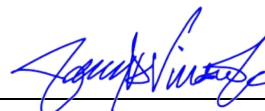
v.

Perelli Auto Sales and Cesar Perelli, Respondents.

Appellate Case No. 2026-001354

ORDER

This appeal arises out of two orders of the circuit court: (1) an order granting Respondents' motion to amend their answer and assert a counterclaim and (2) an order granting Respondents' motion to compel complete discovery responses. The appeal is dismissed because neither order is immediately appealable. *See Collins v. Sigmon*, 299 S.C. 464, 466, 385 S.E.2d 835, 836 (1989) ("An order permitting amendment of pleadings is interlocutory and generally is not appealable until final judgment."); *Grosshuesch v. Cramer*, 377 S.C. 12, 30, 659 S.E.2d 112, 122 (2008) ("[D]iscovery orders, in general, are interlocutory and are not immediately appealable because they do not, within the meaning of the appealability statute, involve the merits of the action or affect a substantial right."); *Davis v. Parkview Apartments*, 409 S.C. 266, 280, 762 S.E.2d 535, 543 (2014) ("[T]o challenge the specific rulings of the discovery orders, the normal course is to refuse to comply, suffer contempt, and appeal from the contempt finding."); *Hamm v. S.C. Pub. Serv. Comm'n*, 312 S.C. 238, 241, 439 S.E.2d 852, 853 (1994) (holding discovery orders are interlocutory and not immediately appealable). The remittitur will be sent as provided by Rule 221(b) of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules.



FOR THE COURT

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