

FORM 4

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

JUDGMENT IN A CIVIL CASE
CASE NUMBER 2024CP0700650

Dalton Nathaniel Mickel

Clarence Dion Burgess Iii

Royal Fam Trucking L

PLAINTIFF(S)

DEFENDANT(S)

Submitted by:

Attorney for: ☐ Plaintiff ☐ Defendant
☐ Self-Represented Litigant

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. ☐ See Page 2 for additional information.
- ☐ **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; ☐ Other: _____
- ☐ Binding arbitration, subject to right to restore to confirm, vacate or modify arbitration award;
- ☐ **STAYED DUE TO BANKRUPTCY**
- ☐ **DISPOSITION OF APPEAL TO THE CIRCUIT COURT (CHECK APPLICABLE BOX):**
☐ Affirmed; ☐ Reversed; ☐ Remanded; ☐ Other: _____

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IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED: ☐ See attached order; (formal order to follow) ☐ Statement of Judgment by the Court:

ORDER INFORMATION

This order ☐ ends ☐ does not end the case.

Additional Information for the Clerk: _____

INFORMATION FOR THE JUDGMENT INDEX

Complete this section below when the judgment affects title to real or personal property or if any amount should be enrolled. If there is no judgment information, indicate "N/A" in one of the boxes below.

Judgment in Favor of (List name(s) below)	Judgment Against (List name(s) below)	Judgment Amount To be Enrolled (List amount(s) below)
Dalton Mickel	Clarence Dion Burgess, III	\$500,000.00
Dalton Mickel	Royal Fam Trucking, LLC	\$2,000,000.00

If applicable, describe the property, including tax map information and address, referenced in the order:

The judgment information above has been provided by the submitting party. Disputes concerning the amounts contained in this form may be addressed by way of motion pursuant to the SC Rules of Civil Procedure. Amounts to be computed such as interest or additional taxable costs not available at the time the form and final order are submitted to the judge may be provided to the clerk. Note: Title abstractors and researchers should refer to the official court order for judgment details.

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Circuit Court Judge - Hon. Marvin Dukes

Judge Code - 2785

2/9/2026

Date 2/9/2026

For Clerk of Court Office Use Only

This judgment was entered on , and a copy mailed first class or placed in the appropriate attorney's box on , to attorneys of record or to parties (when appearing pro se) as follows:

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Jerri Ann Roseneau - Clerk of Court

Court Reporter:

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING DECISION BY THE COURT AS REFERENCED ON PAGE 1.

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Jury

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF BEAUFORT

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

Dalton Nathaniel Mickel,

CASE NUMBER: 2024CP0700650

Plaintiff,

vs.

Clarence Dion Burgess, III and
Royal Fam Trucking, LLC,

Defendant.

VERDICT FORM

1. Was Clarence Dion Burgess and Royal Fam Trucking, LLC's negligence the proximate cause of Dalton Mickel's damages?

YES ☒ NO ☐

IF YOU ANSWERED YES, PROCEED TO QUESTION TWO.
IF YOU ANSWERED NO, PLEASE SIGN THE VERDICT FORM AND NOTIFY THE BAILIFF.

2. Please state the total amount of damages sustained by Dalton Mickel:

TOTAL DAMAGES: \$500,000 Dollars

3. Do you find by clear and convincing evidence that Royal Fam Trucking, LLC acted in a reckless, willful, or wanton manner and that this conduct proximately caused damages to Dalton Mickel:

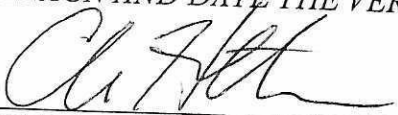
YES ☒ NO ☐

IF YOU ANSWERED YES, PROCEED TO QUESTION FOUR ON THE NEXT PAGE.
IF YOU ANSWERED NO, PLEASE SIGN THE VERDICT FORM AND NOTIFY THE BAILIFF.

4. If Yes to Question 4, then what amount of punitive damages do you assign to Royal Fam Trucking, LLC:

\$1,500,000 Dollars

PLEASE SIGN AND DATE THE VERDICT FORM BELOW AND NOTIFY THE BAILIFF


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2/5/2026
DATE



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Case Caption: Dalton Nathaniel Mickel VS Clarence Dion Burgess Iii , defendant, et al
Case Number: 2024CP0700650
Type: Order/Civil Judgment

So Ordered

s/Marvin H. Dukes III #2785