

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA) IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
COUNTY OF FLORENCE) FOR THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Christopher Lane, SCDC #307401,

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Applicant,

Case No: 2025-CP-21-01039

v.

State of South Carolina,

DORIS POULOS O'HARA
CCCP & GS
FLORENCE COUNTY, SC

FINAL ORDER OF DISMISSAL
(with prejudice)

Respondent.

This matter comes before the Court by way of an application for post-conviction relief filed by Christopher Lane (Applicant) on April 7, 2025. Respondent made its return on or about August 8, 2025, and moved for the summary dismissal of the application as untimely, barred by the statute of limitations, successive to Applicant's prior PCR actions, barred by the doctrine of res judicata, and for failing to comply with the Uniform Post-Conviction Procedures Act, S.C. Code Ann. § 17-27-10 *et seq.* (2014).

After consideration of the application, return, and relevant documents attached thereto, this Court issued a Conditional Order of Dismissal on September 5, 2025, provisionally denying and dismissing this action while giving Applicant twenty days from the date of service of said order in which to show why the Conditional Order of Dismissal should not become final. Attached to this Final Order and incorporated herein by reference is an affidavit of service dated January 14, 2026, indicating the State served the above-mentioned Conditional Order of Dismissal on Applicant.

On October 15, 2025, Applicant filed his "Reply to Conditional Order of Dismissal," wherein he asserts that his application should not be dismissed based on the same arguments he made in his original application for PCR, including that his particular case falls within an "exception" because "to continue [Applicant's] imprisonment without review would amount to a gross miscarriage of justice" due to Applicant being "actually innocent."

After careful consideration and a review of the record and response, this Court reasserts its findings in the Conditional Order of Dismissal that the current PCR application must be dismissed because it is untimely, barred by the statute of limitations, successive to Applicant's previous PCR actions, barred by the doctrine of *res judicata*, and for failing to comply with the Uniform Post-Conviction Procedures Act, S.C. Code Ann. § 17-27-10 *et seq.* (2014). Before the Court will hold an evidentiary hearing, Applicant must make a *prima facie* showing that he is entitled to relief. Welch v. MacDougall, 246 S.C. 258, 143 S.E.2d 455 (1965); Blandshaw v. State, 245 S.C. 385, 140 S.E.2d 784 (1965). Applicant has failed to make such a showing based on the information before this Court, and, therefore, he is not entitled to an evidentiary hearing in this matter. Accordingly, this Court finds no reason why the Conditional Order of Dismissal should not become final.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that for the reasons set forth in the Court's conditional order of dismissal, the Application for post-conviction relief is hereby **DENIED AND DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE**.

This Court hereby advises Applicant he must file and serve a notice of appeal within thirty days of the service of this Order to secure appellate review. See Rule 203, SCACR. Applicant's attention is directed to Rule 243, SCACR, for the procedures following the filing and service of the notice of appeal.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED this 29 day of JUNE, 2026.


H. STEVEN DEBERRY, IV
Chief Administrative Judge
Twelfth Judicial Circuit

FLORENCE, South Carolina

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

JUDGMENT IN A CIVIL CASE
CASE NUMBER 2025CP2101039

Christopher Lane

South Carolina State Of

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

NOTE: ATTORNEYS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR NOTIFYING LOWER COURT, TRIBUNAL, OR ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY OF THE CIRCUIT COURT RULING IN THIS APPEAL.

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

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7/9/2026

Circuit Court Judge

Judge Code

Date

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This judgment was entered on **July 9, 2026**, and a copy mailed first class or placed in the appropriate attorney's box on **July 10, 2026**, to attorneys of record or to parties (when appearing pro se) as follows:

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D. Russell Barlow II PO Box 11549 Columbia, SC 29211

ATTORNEY(S) FOR THE PLAINTIFF(S)

ATTORNEY(S) FOR THE DEFENDANT(S)



Court Reporter

Doris Poulos O'Hara - 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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