

**THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Court of Appeals**

Hugh Price,
Appellant, pro se
v.

Lisa Molstad,
Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2025-002567

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APPELLANT'S MOTION FOR SANCTIONS UNDER RULE 269, SCACR

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

Pursuant to Rule 269, SCACR, Appellant Hugh Parks Price respectfully moves this Court to impose sanctions on Respondent's counsel, Christian G. Spradley, Esquire, for filings in this appeal — a motion to strike and a motion to dismiss — that were interposed for an improper purpose: to obtain dismissal on procedural defaults that counsel's own conduct helped manufacture, rather than on the merits. This Motion is served more than ten (10) days before any requested ruling, providing the notice Rule 269 requires.

I. STANDARD

"Where an appeal, petition, motion or return is frivolous or taken solely for the purposes of delay, or is not in compliance with these Rules, the appellate court may upon its own motion or that of a party, after ten (10) days notice, impose upon offending attorneys or parties such sanctions as the circumstances of the case and discouragement of like conduct in the future may require." Rule 269, SCACR. The principles animating Rule 11, SCRCP, apply with equal force to abusive appellate filings, and our Supreme Court has affirmed Rule 11 sanctions for a pattern of repetitive,

improper motions — including the fees incurred in defending a related petition to that Court. See *Bauknight v. Pope*, Op. No. 28273 (S.C. Sup. Ct. filed Apr. 16, 2025); *Runyon v. Wright*, 322 S.C. 15, 19, 471 S.E.2d 160, 162 (1996).

II. GROUNDS

1. The defaults on which dismissal rests arose from incarceration and this Court’s abeyance. The dismissal rests on two procedural grounds — that Appellant provided “[no] status updates” and that he did not perfect an amended designation of matter or initial brief. To the extent those defaults existed, they arose only because Appellant was incarcerated and without access to the record, a law library, or the means to sign and notarize documents during the relevant period — and because this Court had placed the appeal in abeyance by letter dated April 16, 2026, “pending the Court’s decision on the respondent’s motion to strike and extension of time.”

2. That incapacity was the product of a strategy counsel announced in open court. On March 11, 2024 — at a hearing convened on Appellant’s own petitions for restraining orders, in which Appellant was the Petitioner (Nos. 2024OR-41-10100001, -00002, -00003; Hon. Gary S. Morgan), and which was diverted into a mediation of the parties’ civil dispute — Respondent’s counsel stated: “there’s plans right now that we’re going to file an action to change the bond that he can’t go back over to that piece of property because that’s the problem. The other piece of property is the problem. If he ain’t there, there ain’t no problem.” Asked to clarify, counsel confirmed he meant “a motion to change his bond on the criminal cases so that he can’t go back over to that piece of property” (Mar. 11, 2024 Hr’g Tr. [INSERT PAGE:LINE]; quoted verbatim in June 12, 2024 Hr’g Tr. 19:15–21, 19:24–20:2.)

3. Counsel then executed that plan in the criminal court. At a June 12, 2024 bond hearing (*State v. Hugh Parks Price*, Warrant Nos. 2023A4110200073 and 2024A4110100041;

Hon. Debra R. McCaslin), counsel — Respondent’s civil attorney — appeared and argued for continued detention, telling the court that Appellant’s civil lis pendens “basically locks my client into that property” so that “she is a prisoner on property that she has bought because of what he has filed,” and urging: “I’ve never seen a case that screams for somebody to remain in jail You can’t let him out, you cannot let him out, something’s going to happen.” (June 12, 2024 Hr’g Tr. 9:20–25, 11:25–12:1, 12:7–8.) The Assistant Solicitor then adopted counsel’s theory, arguing that because of the lis pendens “the only legal remedy, the appropriate legal remedy is for him to stay in jail.” (Id. Tr. 12:20–21.) Appellant read counsel’s March 11 statement into that record under oath, in counsel’s presence; counsel did not dispute it. (Id. Tr. 19:12–21.)

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4. The pattern recurred in 2026. At an April 22, 2026 bond-revocation hearing, counsel again urged revocation, this time for the “filing of [a] frivolous suit.” (Apr. 22, 2026 Hr’g Tr. 4:14–8:7, 14:14–15:20, 16:6.) The April 22 revocation produced Appellant’s incarceration from May 4 to on or about July 2, 2026 — the very period in which the deadlines at issue fell. These matters are set out at length, with supporting transcripts, in Appellant’s contemporaneous Motion for Sanctions in the underlying action (C/A No. 2023-CP-41-00232).

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5. Counsel then used the incapacity he had helped create. Counsel’s motion to strike placed the appeal in abeyance (April 16, 2026), and counsel moved to dismiss the appeal on June 30, 2026 — a motion Appellant never received, as it was returned to this Court from the jail as undeliverable — for the same procedural defaults that the incarceration and abeyance had produced. A motion that seeks victory on non-compliance manufactured by the movant’s own conduct, rather than on the merits, is at a minimum one “taken . . . for [an improper] purpose” within the meaning of Rule 269.

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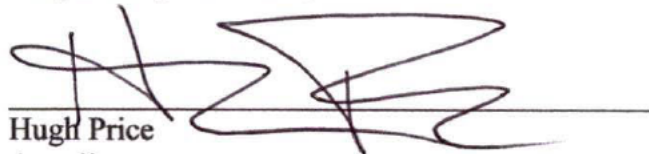
6. The “no status updates” ground independently reflects the improper purpose. This Court’s own file contains two written status updates — stamped RECEIVED April 27, 2026 and RECEIVED June 1, 2026 — so a dismissal premised on their absence was not well grounded in the record counsel had every means to check.

III. RELIEF REQUESTED

Appellant respectfully requests that this Court:

- a. After the ten (10) days’ notice Rule 269 requires, find Respondent’s counsel’s motion to strike and motion to dismiss sanctionable;
- b. Impose such sanctions as the circumstances and the discouragement of like conduct require, including Appellant’s costs occasioned by the motions;
- c. Consider this conduct in connection with Appellant’s pending Petition for Rehearing and for Reinstatement of Appeal; and
- d. Grant such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,



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Dated: September 3, 2026

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HUGH PARKS PRICE,	*
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Defendant.	*
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April 22, 2026

B E F O R E:

The Honorable Courtney Clyburn Pope, Presiding Judge

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P R O C E E D I N G S

(The proceedings commenced at 10:15 a.m.:)

MS. HAJHER: Hugh Price.

HUGH PRICE

after having been duly sworn, was examined and testified
to as follows:

THE COURT: Madam Solicitor?

MS. HAJHER: Your Honor, the defendant is here for a
Motion to Revoke Bond. He's been indicted for stalking by the
State. He was charged with stalking with having a prior
conviction of harassment in the last ten years.

And just so the Court is aware, there are victims from
Aiken County and Saluda County that are here, and the attorney
representing the Saluda victim is also here.

THE COURT: All right. Madam Solicitor, before we get
into your motion, will you give me a synopsis of the facts?
And then I'll hear from the State with regard to the motion
and we'll hear from Mr. Staggs.

MS. HAJHER: So our indictment alleges that the
defendant, between January 1st of 2023 and September 14th of
2025, had engaged in patterns of behavior that stalked and/or
harassed our victim, Sara Filler, who resides here in Aiken
County. He did have a romantic relationship with this victim
previously.

THE COURT: All right. And so that's his underlying

1 charge. What is the -- what's the nature of the motion?

2 MS. HAJHER: So, Your Honor, essentially the State's
3 concern, regarding a pattern of behavior that seems to be
4 escalating. The defendant has specific women that he seems to
5 obsess about and then kind of cycles through.

6 Ms. Molstof (ph), who's present in the courtroom, is the
7 victim in Saluda that he has already been convicted of a
8 harassment second charge of her. She has a restraining order
9 actively against him. He had appealed it. She had it
10 reinstated the beginning of this year.

11 THE COURT: All right. And Ms. Molstof was down in
12 Saluda?

13 MS. HAJHER: That's correct.

14 THE COURT: All right. Mr. Spradley, you represent
15 Ms. Molstaf?

16 MR. SPRADLEY: Ms. Mol- -- it's "-stad," Your Honor, with
17 a "D" at the end of it.

18 THE COURT: Spell it for my court reporter, please.

19 MR. SPRADLEY: M-o-l-s-t-a-d.

20 THE COURT: Molstad. All right. Very good. Thank you,
21 sir.

22 All right. Mr. Spradley, I would like to hear from you
23 briefly. We do -- I think we have a lot of moving parts in
24 this one, but I'd love to hear from you, sir.

25 MR. SPRADLEY: Yes, Your Honor. This entire -- first

1 off, my client wanted to make sure the Court understood that
2 she has never dated Mr. Price. She has never wanted to date
3 Mr. Price. She has never had a business relationship with
4 him.

5 Her sole connection to him was buying a piece of property
6 from his mother. The day she moved onto that property,
7 Mr. Price is living four feet outside of her window. Within
8 days of moving in, the first instance that led to the
9 restraining order took place.

10 I'll skip over the next two years of escalation that went
11 on, Your Honor, until he gets convicted. Actually, Your
12 Honor, she got the restraining order. He breached the
13 restraining order. He got arrested for violation of the
14 restraining order. He breached his bond on the violation of
15 the restraining order. Got put in jail. Pled guilty to the
16 harassment in February of last year.

17 So all this is prior to February of last year, Your
18 Honor.

19 THE COURT: Okay.

20 MR. SPRADLEY: Since that time, he appealed the original
21 restraining order. It got reinstated in January of this year.

22 During that hearing -- Mr. Price represented himself.
23 During the hearing, we've got video of him writing notes on
24 the back of envelopes and holding it up so his witness could
25 read what he wanted them to say.

1 MR. STAGGS: Your Honor --

2 MR. SPRADLEY: He followed me throughout the courthouse.

3 THE COURT: All right. Hold on, Mr. Spradley.

4 MR. STAGGS: If I may, I feel like we're getting pretty
5 far afield here from what the Court asked Mr. Spradley.

6 MR. SPRADLEY: Your Honor, it's the escalation of
7 everything that's going on.

8 THE COURT: All right. And so --

9 MR. SPRADLEY: And, Your Honor, then he has filed --
10 since January, since this restraining order was put in place,
11 over four civil cases --

12 THE COURT: In January this year, Mr. Spradley?

13 MR. SPRADLEY: That's right, Your Honor, this year. I've
14 got 15 files open in my office between him and her.

15 He has also brought a lawsuit against the victim advocate
16 that was helping Ms. Molstad. That got dismissed on April the
17 1st of this year. He re-filed that case pro se on April the
18 9th of this year against the victim advocate that was
19 advocating for my client.

20 He has cases against every law enforcement officer in
21 Saluda County that has ever been to my client's house where
22 she has complained about Mr. Price.

23 THE COURT: Let me ask you a question, Mr. Spradley.
24 What is the status currently of that case in Saluda?

25 MR. SPRADLEY: While he was out on bond here in Saluda

1 County, Your Honor, he had an ankle monitor on from Saluda
2 County as part of his bond. He was seen videoing my client
3 and her son at her house in violation of the restraining
4 order.

5 THE COURT: Okay.

6 MR. SPRADLEY: They have seized his phone.

7 THE COURT: When is that? I'm just trying to get a brief
8 timeline.

9 MR. SPRADLEY: It's the new warrant that just got taken
10 out in March. I think it was March the 12th, Your Honor.
11 He's got four pending charges, two General Sessions charges:
12 one for Ms. Molstad and one for her son. And then he's got
13 two magistrates court violation of restraining orders issued
14 with the same two victims, all from the same incident, Your
15 Honor. And I think it was March the 12th. The solicitor has
16 copies of those warrants that were issued in Saluda County
17 while he was out on bond here.

18 And, Your Honor, the -- it's my understanding, through
19 talking with the solicitor's office, that, at that arrest,
20 they seized his phone. It's my understanding they actually
21 have the videos that he was taking of my client and his -- her
22 son.

23 And I think that they are coordinating to try to get the
24 tracking of his ankle monitor from Aiken, which will then
25 further substantiate his violation of the restraining order.

1 Your Honor, my client wants me to impress upon this Court
2 that it is her belief that there is no piece of paper that
3 will ever stop this man from doing what he's doing. He's
4 moving from victim to victim. He started with Ms. Miller, he
5 moved on to my client, and now he's moved on to the victim
6 advocate in Saluda County.

7 And she is scared of him. She doesn't --

8 THE COURT: Let me hear -- Mr. Spradley, let me hear from
9 the State again, because I want her to wrap this up.

10 Can you hear me? Can you hear me? Okay.

11 I want her to bring this together for me. I certainly
12 understand what's happening in Saluda.

13 MR. SPRADLEY: And the only thing I can give the Court is
14 I've got copies of the warrants from Saluda County if you want
15 those.

16 THE COURT: I'm not sure that it's necessary at this
17 time. Your input on this has been helpful.

18 MR. SPRADLEY: Thank you.

19 THE COURT: Yes, ma'am.

20 MS. HAJHER: Ultimately, Your Honor, the concern that the
21 State has is that, just because the defendant is out on bond
22 and has electronic monitoring, right, on Aiken County doesn't
23 mean he can go and then catch charges in a different county
24 within the state or go to another state and catch different --
25 catch charges. Right?

1 Ultimately, he has specific women that he cycles through.
2 He goes after those set individuals. And like Mr. Spradley
3 indicated, his client wasn't romantically involved like our
4 Aiken County victim was. Right? They have a more significant
5 history.

6 And Ms. Filler is here also and would like to address at
7 the appropriate time.

8 THE COURT: Ms. Filler?

9 MS. HAJHER: That's correct, Sara Filler, Your Honor.

10 THE COURT: Yes, I'll hear from Ms. Filler.

11 MS. HAJHER: But that's the main concern, is that it's
12 escalating, that he's cycling through, and it's just a matter
13 of time before he sets his sights back on Ms. Filler. And I
14 don't think that the State is required to wait until he comes
15 into Aiken County to catch charges before we could try to
16 revoke his bond.

17 THE COURT: All right. Let me hear from Ms. Filler, if
18 she wishes to be heard.

19 Good morning.

20 MS. FILLER: Good morning.

21 THE COURT: Yes, ma'am. Can you say your --

22 MS. FILLER: Thank you --

23 THE COURT: Of course. Can you say your full name and
24 spell your last name for our court reporter, please?

25 MS. FILLER: My name is Sara Filler. That's F as in

1 "Frank," i-l-l-e-r.

2 THE COURT: Yes, ma'am, Ms. Filler.

3 MS. FILLER: I'm here to request some meaningful
4 protection against the defendant. He has continued to stalk
5 me since the last incident in September. He has stalked me
6 relentlessly and obsessively for four years now, and it is my
7 true belief, Your Honor, that now is the time to step in to
8 prevent a terrible tragedy from occurring. My life is in
9 danger, and I respectfully request you to intervene.

10 I had a lot more to say, but I won't take up any more of
11 your time. I just want you to know the seriousness of this
12 matter, and I thank you. I think everything else has been
13 said.

14 THE COURT: Ms. Filler, thank you very much for being
15 here and giving me that information.

16 MS. FILLER: Thank you.

17 THE COURT: Thank you.

18 Anything further?

19 MS. HAJHER: Just, Your Honor, if you were inclined to
20 revoke the bond. I mean, the State is willing to have a date
21 set certain for trial.

22 THE COURT: So the State is ready to proceed with trial?

23 MS. HAJHER: That's correct, Your Honor.

24 THE COURT: Mr. Staggs, yes, sir.

25 MR. STAGGS: Thank you, Your Honor. And may it please

1 the Court. The Assistant Solicitor just mentioned what the
2 State is or is not required to demonstrate to support a Motion
3 to Revoke a Bond. They've got to have a reasonable basis for
4 this, Judge.

5 Ms. Filler -- let's start here. Mr. Price has been out
6 on bond. Mr. Price has been under a GPS monitor. At no point
7 in time has the State provided me with any evidence --
8 anything other than a mere suggestion that Mr. Price has been
9 in violation of any of the conditions of this bond here in
10 Aiken County in regards to Ms. Filler or her mother,
11 Ms. Hughes. Absolutely nothing. I've seen nothing from
12 anyone.

13 I've talked to the GPS monitoring company. He has not
14 violated anything here in Aiken County at all.

15 The Saluda matter that Mr. Spradley spoke on for a good
16 little bit here, Judge, I have the affidavit that was signed
17 by Hopkins -- yes -- Corporal Hopkins of the Saluda County
18 Sheriff's Office.

19 I also, Judge, am happy to provide the Court with the
20 video of this alleged incident where people are in fear. I
21 have that and will send it both to the solicitor's office and
22 to Your Honor after this hearing. I think you'll find that
23 there's absolutely nothing to it.

24 Mr. Price resided and was required, actually, to reside,
25 as part of the Aiken County stuff, in Saluda County on Pine

1 Grove Road in an adjoining property. And I have the map here.
2 I've shown it to the solicitor. And if Your Honor would like
3 to see it, these properties are --

4 THE COURT: Do you have a copy?

5 MS. HAJHER: I've seen it, Your Honor.

6 THE COURT: Thank you.

7 MR. STAGGS: Okay. Judge, as you heard from
8 Mr. Spradley, there have been four actions filed this year,
9 and he said he has over 15 files. And that's accurate because
10 these folks sue one another all over the place. There is an
11 active claim and delivery situation.

12 Mr. Price was videoing as he drove by to get to his
13 property because one of those claim and delivery actions, the
14 subject of it is a trailer on Ms. Molstad's property that
15 Mr. Price believes belongs to him. They are litigating that
16 in Saluda County. I don't have anything to do with that, but
17 that was the subject of the video.

18 I have the public index from Saluda for Mr. Price. He is
19 not the plaintiff in all of these things. He is being sued
20 just as often by these folks. Okay? This is not -- this is
21 not a one-way street in any way, shape, or form.

22 We are asking Your Honor to deny the State's motion at
23 this time. I will tell you that, since being charged and
24 being released on \$100,000 bond in Saluda --

25 THE DEFENDANT: 200. 200.

1 MR. STAGGS: Oh, 200. 100 per charge, Judge, set by the
2 magistrate there in Saluda. Mr. Price has been residing in
3 Columbia with his mother. He has not been anywhere near
4 Saluda County, to my knowledge.

5 Have you been back there since?

6 THE DEFENDANT: The first day, and they said you have
7 to -- you can't stay here.

8 MR. STAGGS: You gotta get out of here. Right.

9 So since being released, he has not been back in Saluda
10 County. He has not been in Aiken County except to show up for
11 court or to talk to his lawyer.

12 There is no imminent threat. There is no escalation,
13 despite what the Court has heard here.

14 We will be ready to try this case, but I think it's
15 wildly inappropriate to revoke Mr. Price's bond at this point
16 for something that, to me, looks fairly defensible up there.

17 He had a perfect -- there is no prohibition on civil
18 process. There is nothing that precludes Mr. Price from
19 attempting to use appropriate channels to obtain what he
20 believes is rightfully his in terms of property from civil
21 process.

22 Nothing in this restraining order, any of these bonds
23 prohibits him from using civil process to obtain what he
24 believes is his, and that is all that's happening.

25 I do not believe that the State has demonstrated any

1 evidence of escalating behavior. I don't believe they've
2 demonstrated any evidence of a violation of the bond that
3 they're seeking to revoke here, Judge, at all.

4 I think that what's going on in Saluda, first of all, is
5 a separate -- completely separate matter from what we're
6 dealing with here in Aiken County, and it doesn't -- it
7 doesn't hold up.

8 So we'd ask for you to deny the State's motion at this
9 time.

10 THE COURT: All right. Anything further from the State?

11 MS. HAJHER: Yes, the State briefly -- or the State would
12 briefly just like to respond, Your Honor.

13 THE COURT: Certainly.

14 MS. HAJHER: I do believe that Mr. Spradley has indicated
15 that there -- the defendant does have, like, a YouTube
16 channel, like ranch handler, where he posted the video of his
17 interaction with Sergeant Blackwelder.

18 Apparently, there is a potential video indicating that he
19 has since been in Saluda since being released out on bond and
20 posted a video.

21 And then, also, my understanding is Mr. Spradley is in
22 the process of trying to do something in Common Pleas, which
23 would prevent Mr. -- the defendant from being able to just
24 file lawsuits since he has been doing them, I would say --

25 THE COURT: It's a motion for frivolous actions?

1 MR. SPRADLEY: And, you know, both of those things are
2 true. There's a -- Mr. Price is under investigation by the
3 Department of Environmental Services for dumping sewage out
4 the back of a camper on that piece of property. There's video
5 of him from law enforcement and video that Mr. Price took
6 since he's been out on bond in Saluda County within 2,000 feet
7 of my client's residence in violation of that bond.

8 THE COURT: What is the -- well, what does the bond say?
9 Is it within 2,000 or 1,000 or 1,500? What is it?

10 MR. SPRADLEY: He can't be within 2,000 feet of my
11 client's property or within 1,000 feet of her out in public.

12 THE COURT: I understand.

13 MR. SPRADLEY: And he can't go down a certain road.

14 And, Your Honor, probably before the end of this week --
15 I've already drafted it -- I have filed a Motion for a
16 Temporary Injunction because he is abusing process, and that
17 will be heard in Saluda County Common Pleas Court soon, Your
18 Honor. It's part of a -- we did that as part of a
19 counterclaim to a lawsuit he filed against my client this
20 year.

21 THE COURT: Okay.

22 MS. HAJHER: And I do believe that there is some kind of
23 criminal statute relating to, like, filing frivolous lawsuits,
24 barratry --

25 THE COURT: Sure. If you can pull that statute -- you

1 know, if you want to do that. I think she should -- I mean,
2 I'm assuming that the State --

3 MR. STAGGS: I mean, I think there's a law on just about
4 everything.

5 MS. HAJHER: Well, that --

6 THE COURT: Yeah. I'm thinking that she's saying it's a
7 violation of the bond to not -- to be on good behavior with
8 the filing of the frivolous suit.

9 So, you know, if you want to reference that -- here's
10 what's going to happen. I'm going to allow Mr. Staggs to send
11 me the video. He's going to send both of us the video. The
12 videos come up, the actions come up. I think it's
13 appropriate. I want to view the video.

14 And so you think you can have that to me today?

15 MR. STAGGS: I can have it to you within an hour.

16 THE COURT: Okay. All right. And so we'll have that
17 video.

18 You'll have a copy of it as well, Madam Solicitor.

19 And so what I am going to allow the State to do, if --
20 you're mentioning the statute, and, again, the assumption is
21 because the violation of good behavior. I just want to take a
22 look at it. Send it to Mr. Staggs also. Okay? If that's
23 what the State is going to going to assert.

24 I've heard from the alleged victim in his Aiken case as
25 well as representation from his alleged victim in the Saluda

1 case, and I want to take these under consideration.

2 Can I hold this for the time being, Mr. Staggs?

3 MR. STAGGS: Absolutely, Your Honor. Absolutely.

4 THE COURT: And, Madam Solicitor, for the record has
5 indicated she does have a copy of this map. I'll just label
6 it as Court's Exhibit 1, a map provided by Mr. Staggs. A map
7 of the residence -- the Price residents as well as alleged
8 victim Molstad's residence.

9 (COURT'S EXHIBIT NO. 1 was marked and admitted.)

10 THE COURT: And so I want to take all these things into
11 consideration and review them and then get you-all a decision.
12 That decision will likely come via email so that you-all can
13 tell your -- you can tell your client and you can tell the
14 victim the decision that I've made.

15 Get that to me, and I'll try to get that out -- depending
16 on how we do today, today, but no later than tomorrow.

17 What's today? Wednesday?

18 MS. HAJHER: That's correct.

19 MR. STAGGS: Today is Wednesday.

20 THE COURT: Okay. No later than tomorrow. Okay? It's
21 three days.

22 MR. STAGGS: Three days (indiscernible).

23 THE COURT: You're right. So I had forgotten what day it
24 was. All right. But get that information to me, please, so
25 that I can take that under consideration.

1 MR. STAGGS: Thank you, Your Honor.

2 MS. HAJHER: Thank you, Your Honor.

3 THE COURT: Thank you-all.

4 Thank you, Mr. Spradley.

5 MR. SPRADLEY: Thank you, Your Honor.

6 THE COURT: Thank you.

7 (The hearing concluded at 10:36 a.m.)

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PROCEEDINGS

MR. FENDER: Your Honor before you today is Hugh Price represented by Michael Laubshire. We're here today on 2023A411020073 and 2024A411010041. This Defendant, he's currently in the Saluda County Detention Center. We're here today for competing motions. Defense counsel is asking for a bond in this case.

The State is asking that the Court please revoke bond in this case and hold the Defendant without bond. I just want to introduce some of the people who are here with us here today in the courtroom. Lisa Molstad, she's the victim in this case, she's here today with her daughter. She's represented by Chris Spradley. I believe he would like to address the Court at the appropriate time.

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. FENDER: And also, Erin Grace Vajo, who she's also a victim in this case. She's here today. All these folks are asking that bond be denied in this case. And I just want to give the Court kind of just a really quick, kind of, general overview of some of the facts in this case.

You know, these folks they live in the ward area of Saluda, it's a very nice rural area. You know, they enjoy horses there. And this Defendant, he lives adjacent to them. So, he's essentially a neighbor type situation in this case.

1 First, going back to July 31st, 2023, after some concerning
2 contact, the victim, Ms. Lisa, she went and got a restraining
3 order from the magistrate's office here in Saluda, a
4 restraining order against the Defendant, Hugh Price. So that
5 restraining order was in place. And then on August the 8th,
6 2023 he was arrested for stalking. And, you know, some of the
7 conduct that we saw there, that this Defendant that he was
8 loitering at the end of her driveway, that he was taking
9 pictures of her, taking pictures of her daughter, who's with us
10 here today in the court room.

11 And there are independent witnesses of this, you
12 know, people who were out mowing or other people nearby that
13 saw some of what was going on. You know, him kind of loitering
14 and lingering around their property. Very scary, very
15 concerning stuff, especially given that a restraining order was
16 also in place. So, after that, you know, the Defendant was
17 arrested on August the 8th, 2023, and he was charged for that.
18 You know, and the victim, she is legitimately terrified of this
19 Defendant.

20 She expressed to me at times, even wanting to move, to go
21 away to live somewhere else. I believe he knows that in
22 October of last year, he filed a lis pendens. He's placed a
23 title -- a cloud on the title two her property. So, that's
24 prevented her from being able to sell that property, so he's
25 essentially trapped her there at this point.

1 And then going into 2024 -- on April 2nd, 2024, he
2 was charged for witness intimidation. And just to give a
3 little bit of backstory, you know, Erin Grace, she lives there
4 with these folks. She's a material witness in the harassment
5 and stalking case. You know, in many ways she's a victim
6 herself. So, she is a material witness to the State. And this
7 Defendant, he was arrested for intimidation of that witness.
8 Emails sent to her father saying that he's going to reach out
9 to everyone and wanting to fuck her up.

10 She can speak more to that if the Court wants to hear
11 about it, but she's here today and she's asking that bond be
12 denied. And then on April the 10th of 2024, the Defendant, he
13 was arrested in Lexington County for driving under suspension,
14 second offense. There's also allegations that, you know, while
15 out on bond, he was required to wear a GPS ankle monitor.

16 You know, our victim advocate from the Saluda County
17 Sheriff's Office, Rebecca Bartley, she's here today with us in
18 the courtroom. She can speak to that if the Court would like
19 to hear about it. But essentially, you know, it's our concern
20 that he was violating that GPS, you know, and coming around,
21 coming around the victim in this case. But that's just a very,
22 you know, broad overview of this case. You know, I know we're
23 just here today for the purposes of this bond motion.

24 But as to that point, you know, a bond obviously
25 requires that the Defendant be of good behavior. In this case,

1 | you know, as laid out in this timeline, submitted to the Court
2 | that I'm entering as exhibit here today, this Defendant was
3 | released on bond and he's continued to cause concerning
4 | behavior. He's been rearrested, he's contacted the victim with
5 | a restraining order in place, and he's intimidated a material
6 | witness in the case. So, based on all those facts, you know,
7 | we are asking that bond be denied or be revoked in this case,
8 | and that he be held until this case is resolved. And again, I,
9 | I believe you know, some folks here would like to address the
10 | Court at the appropriate time.

11 | THE COURT: All right. Let me make sure I get this
12 | right. He's out on stalking and he is wearing a GPS ankle
13 | monitor. He gets rearrested for intimidation of a witness.
14 | Now, I want to hear from the GPS person. Tell me, what are the
15 | violations on GPS?

16 | MS. BARTLEY: Yes, ma'am. My name is Rebecca Bartley
17 | [indiscernible] with Saluda Sheriff's Office. I have seen from
18 | the GPS ankle monitor company, where he is staying at the
19 | address that he's leasing from the victim past the times and
20 | before the times that he's supposed to be there.

21 | MR. LAUBSHIRE: Judge, I'm unclear is that the person
22 | from the --

23 | MS. BARTLEY: Yes.

24 | MR. LAUBSHIRE: -- bonding company or is she a
25 | witness somehow else?

1 THE COURT: Are you -- he wants to know. Are you
2 from the bonding company?

3 MS. BARTLEY: No, I'm from the Sheriff's Office.

4 THE COURT: The Sheriff's Office.

5 MR. LAUBSHIRE: Judge, I object to anything coming in
6 as it relates to the bond monitoring it's not coming from the
7 bond monitoring company because she's essentially interpreting
8 results from a GPS monitor. And we don't know if she's
9 interpreting them correctly. I don't see any records in her
10 hand to be able to reference. Your Honor, I do object to that.

11 MR. FENDER: Your Honor, business records have been
12 provided to Defense counsel and I think also that she was going
13 to speak to that. She has personal knowledge that law
14 enforcement has to -- had to respond out there multiple times
15 as well.

16 MS. BARTLEY: Yes. We have been out there for the
17 last year for more than 20 times with the [indiscernible].

18 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you.

19 MS. BARTLEY: And may I [indiscernible] --

20 THE COURT: Sure.

21 MS. BARTLEY: I have been dealing with these victims
22 in these cases for going on over a year now and they are very
23 fearful of the Defendant. They say he's just sporadic, you
24 don't know what he's going to do. They're -- they fear for
25 their safety. I just want to add to that.

1 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you. All right. Let me
2 hear from you Mr. Spradley. I'm going to get to you, I'm going
3 to let you finish. Let me hear from the [indiscernible.]

4 MR. SPRADLEY: Your Honor, I'm going to go through
5 these with you. After Mr. Price was put on a restraining order
6 not to be around my client with Ms. Molstad. He went and
7 attempted to file a restraining orders against Ms. Molstad and
8 her boyfriend, which was summarily dismissed by -- through the
9 case. He then appealed that which was dismissed by Saluda
10 County. Then he went and filed a lawsuit against Ms. Molstad,
11 which was summarily dismissed by Saluda County, Your Honor.

12 This is another case where is Sandra Homewood, which
13 is his mother and Hugh Price versus Lisa Mostad summarily
14 dismissed by the magistrate's office. Got another pending
15 right now where he has filed for restraining orders against my
16 client, her daughter, and my client's boyfriend, which is to be
17 heard next week, Your Honor.

18 All this after he's got my client has a restraining
19 order against him that is ordered in place and a civil case
20 that he brought trying to say that he wants the property back
21 that his mother sold my client where he placed a lis pendens on
22 the property, which basically locks my client into that
23 property. She can't put it on the market to move away from
24 him. So, she is a prisoner on property that she has bought
25 because of what he has filed.

1 THE COURT: What is the relationship?

2 MR. SPRADLEY: My client basically moved here from
3 Canada, bought a piece of property to start a horse farm and
4 bought the property from his mother. There was one piece in
5 the back they wanted to allow him to continue to lease, which
6 she was nice and allowed him to lease for two years. There's
7 the lies the problem, all of this is over him being on this one
8 little back corner property that she purchased, Your Honor.

9 Your Honor, beyond that in the civil case Mr. Price's
10 attorney in that case decided he wanted to take Ms. Gray's
11 deposition. We didn't notice, Your Honor. They noticed it;
12 they took her deposition. In that deposition, Your Honor, I'm
13 just going to read you a couple of quotes from the witness that
14 he's charged with intimidating. "But what I'm saying is you
15 saw him on the property after 2:00 O'clock? Right." 2:00
16 o'clock, he was allowed to be on the property from 10:00 till
17 2:00 to take care of animals because he told the Court he had
18 nowhere else to move the animals, Your Honor, they are on that
19 little back piece. "Have you witnessed Mr. Price to continue
20 to violate that restraining order? Yes. Did you ever hear Mr.
21 Price make any threats about Ms. -- about or to Mrs.? Molstad?
22 Yes. What did you hear him say? That if it was legal, he would
23 kill her with a machete."

24 So, Ms. Molstad stopped -- and this is another
25 incident, Your Honor reported to Sheriff's office. "So, Ms.

1 Molstad stopped in the road behind Mr. Price's truck? Yeah.
2 And a car came from behind Mrs. Molstad? Correct. So, she
3 pulls over to let the car go around her? Correct. Then Mr.
4 Price pulls over and let the car go around him? Correct. Does
5 he let Mrs. Molstad go around? No. So, he pulls his truck
6 back in the road to block Ms. Molstad? Right.

7 Well, let me ask you this. If at some point Mr.
8 Price testified to a court that he could not move the animals
9 off of that piece of property that he was leasing from Ms.
10 Molstad because he had nowhere to put them, would that have
11 been true? Oh no. Yeah, they could have moved everything over
12 there, which is another piece of property is around the corner.
13 So, he could have moved all these animals to the other piece of
14 property? Right. Is Ms. Molstad scared of Mr. Price? Yes. Is
15 her daughter scared of Mr. Price? Yes. Did Mr. Price do things
16 to make Ms. Molstad scared of him? Yes. And is it your opinion
17 he did that intentionally? Yes. Do you believe that Mr. Price
18 is obsessed with Ms. Molstad? I mean, I guess that's a good
19 word for it. Yeah.

20 Did he ever say anything to anybody that if -- about
21 anybody messes with me because I've got lawyers and money?
22 Yeah. Did he ever say he was trying to run Ms. Molstad out of
23 money? Yes. Are you afraid of Mr. Price at this point? At this
24 point, yeah."

25 Your Honor, I've never seen a case that screams for

1 somebody to remain in jail because you got different families
2 here. You got one family here and another person here that Mr.
3 Price brought here to live on his property. She got scared of
4 him because of what was going on and then she moved in with my
5 client. This was his friend that he brought to South Carolina,
6 she wasn't friends with my client to start with. My client had
7 no idea who she was. You can't let him out, you cannot let him
8 out, something's going to happen.

9 THE COURT: Anything else from the State?

10 MR. FENDER: And Judge, just to reiterate, for the
11 bond purposes today, you know, he was rearrested while out on
12 bond. He was driving, you know, under suspension, second
13 offense while out on bond. He has not been of good behavior,
14 which is a requirement of bond. So, we have to ask, you know,
15 what's the legal remedy here? Well, he's filed this lis pendens
16 essentially trapping her to live right beside of him.

17 THE COURT: Well, he also got another charge.
18 Intimidation of a witness.

19 MR. FENDER: Yeah. So, she has no way to escape him.
20 So, the only legal remedy, the appropriate legal remedy is for
21 him to stay in jail.

22 THE COURT: All right. Let me hear from you, Mr.
23 Laubshire, please.

24 MR. LAUBSHIRE: Thank you, Your Honor. May it please
25 the Court.

1 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

2 MR. LAUBSHIRE: What you may have noticed, Your
3 Honor, is that there is an underlying civil matter going on in
4 this case, which is really what this is all about. They want
5 him off that property and they're willing to do anything to
6 make it happen. He does have a civil case that he's filed with
7 another lawyer to try and resolve the property dispute. That's
8 still ongoing, it doesn't look like there's going to be an end
9 anytime soon.

10 And there is a lis pendens on that property, which I don't
11 know that it locks her into the property, but it certainly
12 keeps them from disposing of an asset before the case is
13 resolved. We deny all the allegations that are being made here
14 today. And to say that they're not connected and they're
15 different families is a little misleading because they are all
16 connected, they all live in the same household.

17 They're all making similar allegations against my
18 client, trying to just keep him in jail to keep him off the
19 property. That's what this has been all about from the
20 beginning because the civil lawsuits has been filed to try and
21 undo that sale because they were landlord and tenant and they
22 still are landlord and tenant. And that's where this begins.
23 And that's the first part of this case, which if you look at
24 the timeline, there's a restraining order filed by the landlord
25 against the tenant. I don't know how that happens considering

1 they have to communicate; they have to be in contact. He's a
2 renter on the property and the lease runs for a term. It has
3 an end date; I think it's about a year away. But they've done
4 everything they can to try and keep him off the property. They
5 filed just as much stuff against him as he's filed against
6 them.

7 A lot of those cases that were dismissed were filed
8 by him, pro se, trying to make an attempt to resolve his own
9 problems. Since then, he's gotten his -- a lawyer,
10 [indiscernible] to handle the case for him and that case has
11 not been dismissed and it's still ongoing. To say that he's a
12 danger to the society or to these people is also misleading.
13 He hasn't done anything to them physically at all -- at any
14 point ever. The allegations are allegations that anybody could
15 make.

16 And I say that broadly because they made allegations
17 against me in the magistrate's court. I was in the
18 magistrate's court and they accused me of filming them. It
19 wasn't true. I have no reason to film them, I didn't. I spoke
20 to Mr. Spradley about it, he brought it to my attention. I
21 even offered to let him examine my phone.

22 He didn't, but I offered to let him examine it so we
23 can see. They'll make allegations against anybody to try and
24 get an upper hand and that's what I've done to my client. He
25 hasn't stalked him, he hasn't harassed him, he's been on the

1 property when he is supposed to be. And all he was there to do
2 was take care of the animals. That's why he had the bond
3 condition set up so that he can go there and take care of
4 several animals that were left behind on the property. He
5 hasn't done anything violent to anyone, this has gotten way out
6 of hand. I have a copy of the email that was sent to the so-
7 called third victim in this case father, not the victim, didn't
8 contact the victim at all and use that term loosely. But if
9 Your Honor would like to review this email, I'd be happy to
10 give it to Your Honor to check related to this intimidation of
11 a witness.

12 I don't know how you intimidate a witness from an
13 email to a third party that isn't even to the witness. And the
14 witness part was, I think about a deposition not a criminal
15 case. So, Judge, we're asking for bond to be set in this case
16 and motion to revoke be denied, allowing him to be released,
17 continue to take care of his animals on the farm. Matter of
18 fact, since he's been in jail, the alpacas have escaped and
19 they've gone onto Ms. Molstad's property and they're having to
20 hire someone to bring them back onto their property because
21 apparently that's a process. And I'm not familiar with
22 apprehending alpacas, but apparently you have to hire someone
23 to do such a thing using special tools to do this.

24 So, Judge, that's essentially what we're asking for
25 in this case and I hope Your Honor will allow him to have bond

1 to be released and continue on with what he was doing. I'm not
2 going to make any mention to the driving under suspension as
3 all that was a traffic stop to arrest him on the warrants for
4 the stalking. So, it's not that is two separate incidents.
5 That's really one incident, they were apprehending him for the
6 warrant that they had pending in Saluda.

7 THE COURT: All right. I'll take it under advisement
8 and issue an order by the end of the day.

9 MR. LAUBSHIRE: Thank you, Your Honor. Would you
10 like to read the email?

11 THE COURT: I would. Is that a copy that I can have?

12 MR. LAUBSHIRE: Oh, yeah. Judge. I know, Your Honor
13 has indicated that she's going to take it under advisement but
14 my client would like to address the Court himself. If Your
15 Honor, would like hear it.

16 THE COURT: I'm going to have to advise you that
17 that's dangerous to do so because anything you say can and will
18 be used against you in a court of law. And you got two lawyers
19 and a whole defense prosecution table sitting over there. So,
20 I'm going to caution you. I think, you know, your lawyer has
21 spoken well on your behalf but if you insist, I will listen.

22 MR. PRICE: Should I be sworn in?

23 THE COURT: Yeah, I was going to swear you in. You
24 sure you want to do this?

25 MR. PRICE: I just have a couple of brief points to

1 make.

2 MR. LAUBSHIRE: I provided him with the advice about
3 this. We talked about it prior to the hearing and he insists.
4 Judge, I don't have any choice but to ask Your Honor to hear
5 him if he'd like to speak.

6 THE COURT: Okay. Swear him in.

7 THE CLERK: Do you swear and affirm the testimony
8 that you will give the Court will be the truth, the whole truth
9 and nothing but the truth so help you God?

10 MR. PRICE: I do.

11 THE COURT: Go ahead.

12 MR. PRICE: Okay. As of March 11th, I was in
13 complete compliance with my bond. It was a very challenging
14 bond. I was told I had to move from the adjacent property
15 where I've lived for eight years. I had to live in Columbia
16 and commute back and forth every day. So, I always brought a
17 witness with me every day that I went back and forth. It's 125
18 miles round trip, I was never there after my time of 2:00 p.m.
19 I was allowed four hours a day by Judge McLeod to visit the
20 property and feed my animals, I was never there after 2:00.

21 Sometimes I would have to run off the property to get
22 off before 2:00. Sometimes the neighbors would stand at the
23 end of my driveway or bring their horses out or follow me with
24 their truck when I was leaving at 2:00. I was certainly never
25 there before 10:00 a.m. in the morning, as Mrs. Bartley said,

1 because I could never get there that early, I was never there
2 before my time of 10:00 a.m. and I was never there after 2:00
3 p.m. You can check with the Lexington Monitoring Company and
4 they'll tell you that I've been in complete compliance with
5 that.

6 I was in compliance in December when we asked for a
7 bond modification, where I was allowed to leave the State,
8 which was granted by the Solicitor Doug Fender as well. On 3-
9 11, I did -- I am pursuing a restraining order against Lisa
10 Mostad. Kili Mostad as well as Brian Pippen [phonetic]. It's
11 not of a frivolous nature having been being stalked and
12 harassed since last summer.

13 I have the transcript here from that court hearing
14 and in this Mr. Spradley was able to read quite a bit from his
15 deposition. Actually, it was my deposition. I'm the one that
16 had Erin Grace Vajo subpoenaed to come and give this
17 deposition. But if you read in the Affiant statement, the
18 Affiant says, and I'd love to leave these documents with you,
19 the Affiant says that I'm trying. "Defendant is stating all
20 this to intimidate the witness and her father, Frank, in effort
21 to get his daughter and witness Erin Grace Vajo to not give a
22 deposition against him or else she would be sorry."

23 None of that was ever stated. As a matter of fact,
24 I'm the one that wanted her to come and give the deposition.
25 There's no indication in the deposition that she was harassed

1 or intimidated before the deposition. And there's also
2 statements where she says she never saw me violate the
3 restraining order. There's a direct contradiction to what the
4 statement that was just made by the solicitor that I had
5 violated it. And almost lastly, I would like to point out that
6 at this hearing on 3-11 at -- before the restraining order, it
7 somehow went sideways and the restraining order hearing turned
8 into a mediation about a civil matter, which is also
9 intertwined here.

10 And my attorney Laubshire is absolutely correct.
11 This has always been about a civil case and they have
12 criminalized me. But I would like to read where Mr. Spradley
13 tells the Court that they have plans to revoke my bond. So my
14 bond was in complete compliance up till March 11th by their own
15 admission from this transcript, Mr. Spradley says, "We made the
16 offer, Your Honor. I mean, to be honest with the Court. I
17 mean, there's plans right now that we're going to file an
18 action to change the bond that he can't go back over to that
19 piece of property because that's the problem. The other piece
20 of property is the problem. If he ain't there, there ain't no
21 problem." My attorney Laubshire says, "I misunderstood the
22 motion, what motion you're filing to -- a Motion to Change.
23 I'm sorry, I misunderstood."

24 Mr. Spradley, "I was saying that we are going to be
25 trying to file a motion to change his bond on the criminal

1 cases so that he can't go back over to that piece of property
2 for two hours a day," where he was incorrect. I was allowed to
3 be there four hours a day. I just wanted to point out some of
4 these things in these documents where Officer Affiant --
5 Officer Hartless completely misinterpreted. Maybe he did it by
6 accident, I don't know, but he completely misinterpreted these
7 emails that were not sent to the victim, Erin Grace Vajo.

8 Lastly -- I promise lastly. I was contacted by
9 Screven County of Georgia and they asked me to cooperate in a
10 case where Erin Grace Vajo was charged with grand larceny. I
11 was able to bring them evidence in the form of emails and a
12 piece of stolen property that she had transferred to me
13 unknowingly to -- unknowing to me about two years ago. So, I
14 took the property back to Screven County upon being advised
15 that it was stolen and I gave them all the texts and
16 everything, and they issued a felony warrant for her and she
17 was arrested here in Saluda.

18 And they took her down to Screven County and then
19 they released her on bond. She came immediately back here and
20 within two days, there were new charges against me about
21 intimidating her as a witness at the deposition that I paid for
22 to have her come to. So that's why I was arrested, I was in
23 complete compliance with my bond until I was arrested on 405.
24 And then Judge Freeman denied me bond on 409. He said my
25 charges were violent and he said my previous charges were

1 violent. Therefore, I was out -- I was -- I had committed
2 violent offense while out on bond for a violent offenses. So,
3 it became an unbearable offense and I've been incarcerated the
4 last 68 days. And I would like to say that I believe that I'm
5 in illegal custody and that there's been unconstitutional
6 process.

7 THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Price. I'll take it all
8 under consideration.

9 MR. FENDER: Your Honor, if I may just briefly
10 clarify the record. You know, these threats to Grace and, of
11 course, she's here today in the courtroom. I mean, she'll tell
12 you herself that she's afraid of him and that she does not want
13 him out on bond. But, you know, talking about threats being
14 conveyed to his father. Well, at this point, she's blocked him
15 on all social media. So, you know, whether threats were
16 conveyed directly to her or through the father. I mean, still
17 you're having threats being made and ultimately, you know, he
18 was arrested for making those threats.

19 You know, these people are legitimately afraid of
20 this Defendant and are asking that he be held in jail. You
21 know, because of what he's done, what he's done while out on
22 bond. And again, she has nowhere to go. I mean, she would
23 love to sell her place and go somewhere else, but she can't do
24 that. He's filed a lis pendens, he's trapped her there. So,
25 again, we don't want him out on bond. We don't feel like he

1 would respect any conditions whatsoever bond, we're asking to
2 be held in jail. Thank you.

3 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you

4 MR. LAUBSHIRE: Judge, does Your Honor want any of
5 the exhibits that he referenced during his presentation, Your
6 Honor?

7 THE COURT: No, I do not. Thank you.

8 MR. LAUBSHIRE: Here you go.

9 THE COURT: I appreciate it.

10 MR. LAUBSHIRE: Thank you, Your Honor.

11 THE COURT: All right. I'll have my decision out
12 shortly.

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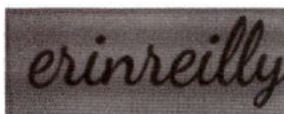
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