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

JUDGMENT IN A CIVIL CASE

CASE NO. 2024-CP-35-00085

JOSH R. GRIZZARD

McCORMICK COUNTY
MAGISTRATE

PLAINTIFF(S)

DEFENDANT(S)

Submitted by: COURT

Attorney for : ☐ Plaintiff ☐ Defendant
or
☐ 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), SCRCP; ☐ Rule 41(a), SCRCP (Vol. Nonsuit); ☐ Rule 43(k), SCRCP (Settled); ☒ Other Rule 56
- ☐ **ACTION STRICKEN (*CHECK REASON*):** ☐ Rule 40(j), SCRCP; ☐ 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 Appeal Dismissed

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 attached) ☒ Statement of Judgment by the Court:

This matter came before the court on August 24, 2026 for a hearing to Mr. Josh Grizzard's desire to file a PCR action against himself. Mr. Grizzard seeks to file a PCR action in the above captioned case. He was previously convicted of disorderly conduct, appealed his conviction to the Court of Common Pleas under the above case number. Judge McLeod affirmed the conviction, and Mr. Grizzard appealed to the Court of Appeals and Supreme Court (see 2025-001193 and 2025-002183) which dismissed the appeal and issued a remittitur.

The McCormick Clerk of Court originally brought Mr. Grizzard's PCR to the attention of this judge since I am Chief Admin Judge for the Civil Docket in the 11th Circuit. In a letter dated February 17, 2026, I wrote Mr. Grizzard and stated:

The Deputy Clerk of Court reached out to me concerning the documents you were recently seeking to file concerning the above case in which you were convicted of disorderly conduct. She contacted me since I am the chief administrative judge for the 11th circuit.

I have reviewed those documents, and it appears that you are seeking to file a PCR action challenging your conviction. I have told her that filing such an action would be improper. First, a PCR action is filed when a person seeks to challenge the quality of representation they

received from their attorney in a criminal case. In your case, you represented yourself, and obviously, you cannot seek to undo a conviction because you felt that your own *pro se* representation was deficient. Second and more to the point, the grounds you raise in your documents are essentially the same grounds raised in your underlying trial and appeal. That appeal has been dismissed, so you cannot relitigate these issues again, especially in the context of a PCR action.

I hope you appreciate the reasons for my instructions to Ms. Hodges. Thank you for your attention and understanding.

Upon further inquiry from Mr. Grizzard and review of a gig chip which he sent, I again wrote him on March 26, 2026 wherein I communicated:

I am in receipt of your letter of February 26, 2026 and the gig chip which contained the videos of your interaction with law enforcement and your bench trial. Despite the arguments made in your letter and having reviewed the videos, the Court's position as related to you in my letter of February 17, 2026 remains unchanged. Again, by definition, you cannot file a PCR action against yourself, and the same arguments you made in your prior pleadings and letters are exactly the same arguments you presented to the Court of Appeals and South Carolina Supreme Court. Therefore, these issues have been decided, and filing any additional action would be futile; accordingly, my instructions to the Clerk of Court remain unchanged.

I am returning the gig chip to you with this letter. Thank you for your attention and understanding.

[The Court notes that both these letters were copied to McCormick Clerk of Court Buffey Hodges, yet they do not appear on the public index for the above captioned case.]

The Court and Clerk of Court received further communication from Mr. Grizzard, and the Court elected to set a hearing on his request so that a record could be made, hence the hearing of August 24, 2026.

That one cannot file a PCR against oneself is axiomatic. In his filings, Mr. Grizzard also seeks to relitigate exactly the same grounds which were raised before the magistrate and Judge McLeod. Simply stated, the issues Mr. Grizzard seeks to raise are settled, have been settled, and permitting further litigation would be wholly frivolous and a waste of resources for the McCormick clerk of court, the Attorney General's office, and the judicial branch. If this Court is in error in its assessment, Mr. Grizzard is encouraged to appeal this decision, and the Court of Appeals will certainly act to correct this Court's misimpression.

It is so ORDERED.

ORDER INFORMATION

This order ☒ ends ☐ does not end the case.

INFORMATION FOR THE JUDGMENT INDEX		
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<i>s/ Frank R. Addy, Jr.</i>	2159	Aug. 24, 2026
Circuit Court Judge	Judge Code	Date

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This judgment was entered on the _____ day of _____, 20____ and a copy mailed first class or placed in the appropriate attorney's box on this _____ day of _____, 20____ to attorneys of record or to parties (when appearing pro se) as follows:

Pro Se _____

ATTORNEY(S) FOR THE PLAINTIFF(S)

ATTORNEY(S) FOR THE DEFENDANT(S)

CLERK OF COURT

Court Reporter: Tara Scott

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So Ordered

S/ Frank R. Addy, Jr.
