

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS**

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Marthina Wardlaw, Appellant

v.

Martin Gilliard, Respondent

Appellate Case No. 2026-002037

**SUPPLEMENTAL UPDATE TO THE COURT REGARDING CONTINUED LOCKOUTS,
INTIMIDATION, AND EVENTS OCCURRING WHILE THE CASE IS PENDING**

I am submitting this update to inform the Court of additional events that have occurred while my case remains pending. I have previously brought concerns and evidence to the Court's attention, but the problems have continued. I want the Court to have an accurate account of what has been happening, including the additional lockouts, my attempts to communicate with Martin Gilliard, the removal of furniture from the home, and the videos and screenshots documenting these incidents.

1. Continued failure to provide a working key

On July 21, 2026, I notified Martin Gilliard that the door was difficult to open and that the lock had bent my key. I explained that if I continued trying to use it, the key could break inside the lock. I did not want to cause a situation in which I or another person could be locked out. Mr. Gilliard told me to use Q's key and said he would have another key made for me. Q's schedule is different from mine and Q comes and goes as desired, so relying on another resident's key does not give me dependable access to my home. I have repeatedly told Mr. Gilliard that I still do not have a working key, but the problem has not been resolved. I also have a recording of a house meeting in which Mr. Gilliard discussed the lock, saying it was "ain't nothing but 30 bucks" and that he would get one "when she's gone" or "when she's done." I am preserving this recording because it relates directly to the ongoing key issue. The exact date of that recording needs to be verified before filing.

2. October 2, 2026 lockout

On October 2, I returned from CVS after obtaining my blood pressure medication and discovered that I could not get into the house. Everyone appeared to be gone, and I knocked and beat on the door for approximately 30 minutes before Mr. W.D. came and opened it. I asked Mrs. Lil why she had not opened the door. I was told that she had been instructed by W to lock the door and not let anyone in. This incident further demonstrates the problem created by my not having a working key. There are also ongoing concerns about people who are not on the lease having access to the home. Q's girlfriend has a key and has let herself into the house, although she is not on the lease and does not pay the household bills. Mrs. Lil also stays in the home, and I understand that she is not on the lease. I have also experienced problems involving other occupants and their guests smoking inside the home, getting high, making noise at night, and disturbing my ability to sleep before work. I am including this background because access to the home and the conduct of other occupants have become continuing sources of conflict.

3. October 6, 2026 lockout

On October 6, 2026, at approximately 5:14 p.m., I was locked out again. This was another incident after I had already repeatedly notified Mr. Gilliard that I did not have a working key.

4. October 13, 2026 lockout and text messages

On October 13, I returned from work exhausted and had to walk on my swollen foot in the heat. When I arrived home, I could not get inside. I knocked and beat on the door for approximately 30 minutes, but nobody let me in. Mr. Gilliard had blocked my main telephone number, so I contacted him using another phone. I wrote:

"I just got off from work and I'm locked out I'm hit tired and aggravated and I need to get in the house I'm sick of this shit u know I don't have a key so this is just me warning you"

He responded:

"Please don't threaten me I gave you a key when you moved in."

I explained that he knew the key did not work, that he had not provided me with a replacement, and that I had recorded the house meeting where he discussed the cost of the lock and said he would get one when I was gone. He then responded:

"Please don't text me anymore."

I replied:

"If I had a key I wouldn't have to text you ass but it's noted".

I dispute that my message was a threat. I was explaining that I was locked out and needed to get inside my home. I am attaching screenshots of this exact exchange to this document as supporting evidence. Mr. Gilliard subsequently came to the property and sat in his truck. He told me to stop texting him and then drove away. Police later came after he reported that I had threatened him. The access problem remained unresolved. Mr. Gilliard knew I had repeatedly told him that I did not have a working key, yet the situation escalated instead of the underlying problem being addressed.

5. Removal of furniture after the stay and continued intimidation

After the stay in this case, Mr. Gilliard removed furniture from the house and placed it outside. This included a chair that I used to rest my swollen leg and foot. Removing the chair left me without that place to sit and rest my injured, swollen foot. I am attaching videos relating to the removal of the furniture. I am also attaching videos showing Mr. Gilliard following me and conduct that I believe is intended to intimidate me. I have previously provided videos and other evidence to the Court, but the conduct has continued. I am identifying these materials again because they are relevant to the continuing situation and because I want the Court to know that additional evidence exists and is being attached.

6. Blocked telephone number and rent-payment dispute

Mr. Gilliard blocked my main telephone number, which interfered with my ability to communicate with him. I also tried to pay rent, but I experienced problems making the payment while he had blocked me. I dispute the claim that I simply refused to pay. I have previously tried to provide evidence concerning these issues, and I believe the circumstances surrounding the communications and attempted payments are important to understanding the history of this case. The eviction proceedings and appeal have already involved disputes about the filing deadlines, the fee-waiver proceedings, and the stay of execution. On October 9, Mr. Gilliard came to serve me with papers that I understood to be a notice of service without the documents he claimed were missing. I had spoken with my caseworker and understood that I had not missed the deadline. I am including this incident as part of the continuing events surrounding this case.

7. Additional evidence

- **Videos of Mr. Gilliard following me and conduct I believe is intended to intimidate me.** (ATTACHED / ADDED TO FILING)
- **Videos relating to the removal of furniture from the house.** (ATTACHED / ADDED TO FILING)
- **A recording of the house meeting in which Mr. Gilliard discussed the lock and obtaining a key.** (ATTACHED / ADDED TO FILING)
- **Screenshots of the October 13 text-message exchange.** (ATTACHED / ADDED TO FILING)
- **Information and evidence concerning the repeated lockouts and my efforts to notify Mr. Gilliard that I did not have a working key.** (ATTACHED / ADDED TO FILING)

I have medical limitations, including significant weakness and problems with my foot, and being locked out after work and forced to stand outside for extended periods makes an already difficult situation worse. I am providing this update so that the Court is informed of the additional events that have occurred while this case is pending and of the evidence documenting those events. I want the Court to understand that these are not isolated incidents: I have repeatedly reported the key problem, experienced further lockouts, attempted to communicate with Mr. Gilliard, and continued to document conduct that I believe is intended to intimidate me. This document is an informational update only. Any separate request for relief will be addressed separately.

Respectfully submitted,

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Appellant

Date: October 13, 2026