

APPENDIX A

The Supreme Court of South Carolina

Regina M. Hunter, Petitioner,

v.

Sammie Taylor, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2013-000374

ORDER

This case is currently pending before the circuit court regarding an appeal from magistrates court. The public case index indicates that it is scheduled to be heard today. *Hunter v. Taylor*, 2012-CP-43-01965.

In correspondence dated February 19, 2013, petitioner asks this Court to grant a change of venue. The request is denied since this relief should be sought in the circuit court rather than in this Court. Rule 245 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules (SCACR).

Petitioner raises concerns about her treatment by personnel at the county courthouse. These concerns should first be raised to the county clerk of court, and if necessary, then to the Chief Judge for Administrative Purposes in the Third Judicial Circuit. This Court is confident that these officials will ensure that petitioner's right of access to the court is not unnecessarily restricted and that her religious beliefs are adequately accommodated.



A.C.J.

FOR THE COURT

Columbia, South Carolina
February 26, 2013

cc: Ms. Regina M. Hunter
Dwight Christopher Moore, Esquire
The Honorable George C. James Jr. (with copy of correspondence)
The Honorable James C. Campbell (with copy of correspondence)

APPENDIX B



SUMTER COUNTY CLERK OF COURT

JAMES C. CAMPBELL

Sumter County Courthouse ■ 141 North Main Street ■ Sumter, South Carolina 29150

Clerk's Office
(803) 436-2227
Fax (803) 436-2223

Family Court
(803) 436-2366
Fax (803) 436-2396

Common Pleas
(803) 436-2228
(803) 436-2231

Jury Information
(803) 436-2233

Fines & Restitution
(803) 436-2230

General Sessions
(803) 436-2264
(803) 436-2265

March 6, 2013

Ms. Regina Hunter
3390 Highway 261 North
Rembert, S.C. 29128

Dear Ms. Hunter:

I am committed to making you and everyone feel as safe as possible while conducting business in the Sumter County Courthouse. We have security at the main entrances and exits of the building. They are here to ensure everyone's safety and security that access this building.

If you have any other questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to bring them to my attention.

Sincerely,

James C. Campbell
Clerk of Court
Sumter County

APPENDIX C



State of South Carolina
Third Judicial Circuit

GEORGE C. JAMES, JR.
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

141 NORTH MAIN STREET, SUITE 303
POST OFFICE BOX 1716
SUMTER, SOUTH CAROLINA 29151-1716
TELEPHONE: (803) 436-2150
FAX: (803) 436-2403
E-MAIL: gjamesj@sccourts.org

April 29, 2013

Ms. Regina M. Hunter
3390 Highway 26 North
Rembert, South Carolina 29128

Dear Ms. Hunter:

I received your April 12 letter by fax on April 15 and by regular mail later that same week.

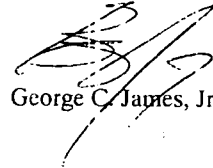
I have no direct supervisory authority over Mr. Bradley, but I have spoken to Clerk of Court James C. Campbell. He advises that he has discussed your concerns with Mr. Bradley. I have always considered Mr. Bradley to be extremely professional and conscientious in the exercise of his duties. He and the other bailiffs encounter a vast number of people in the course of their official duties, and they may sometimes seem somewhat gruff and pointed to jurors, litigants, and witnesses. I am confident Mr. Bradley had no discriminatory intentions toward you.

I cannot address any contentions you state about violations of the criminal law, as I am not permitted to engage in that discussion. Likewise, I will not comment on the substance of Judge Young's ruling, as I have no authority over him at all. Likewise, I cannot comment on any issues you have pending in the Court of Common Pleas.

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April 29, 2013

In my view, any concerns you have about (1) your right of access to the court and (2) the accommodation of your religious beliefs have been addressed. I believe you will encounter no problems in these areas.

Yours very sincerely,



George C. James, Jr.

GCJjr:djf

CC: Honorable W. Jeffrey Young
Honorable James C. Campbell – Clerk of Court

APPENDIX D



**SUMTER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
ANTHONY DENNIS, SHERIFF**

July 2, 2013

Mrs. Regina Hunter
3390 Highway 261 North
Rembert, SC 29128

Dear Mrs. Hunter:

Thank you for the expressing your concerns about what you perceived to be improper treatment by a person you apparently believed was one of my deputies. However, after reviewing your writings and discussing the matter with you in person, it appears that the individual against whom you have requested that I take "corrective and conciliatory" action is a bailiff, but is not one of my deputies (although we do have a deputy with the same last name). The bailiffs do not report to me, but rather to the Clerk of Court; consequently I can take no disciplinary action against the individual you name. Neither does it appear to me that there is probable cause that any criminal offense has been committed.

It appears from our discussion and from the various documents you have submitted for my review that other agencies have attempted to assure you that they respect your access to the courts equally as any other individual. Likewise, my office fully respects your access to the courts as we do that of any other individual without regard to race or religious affiliation. Our mission statement excludes no one as we strive to protect and serve and improve the quality of life for all citizens of Sumter County.

As always, in the event you have questions or concerns about law enforcement matters, I encourage you to contact my office.

Sincerely,

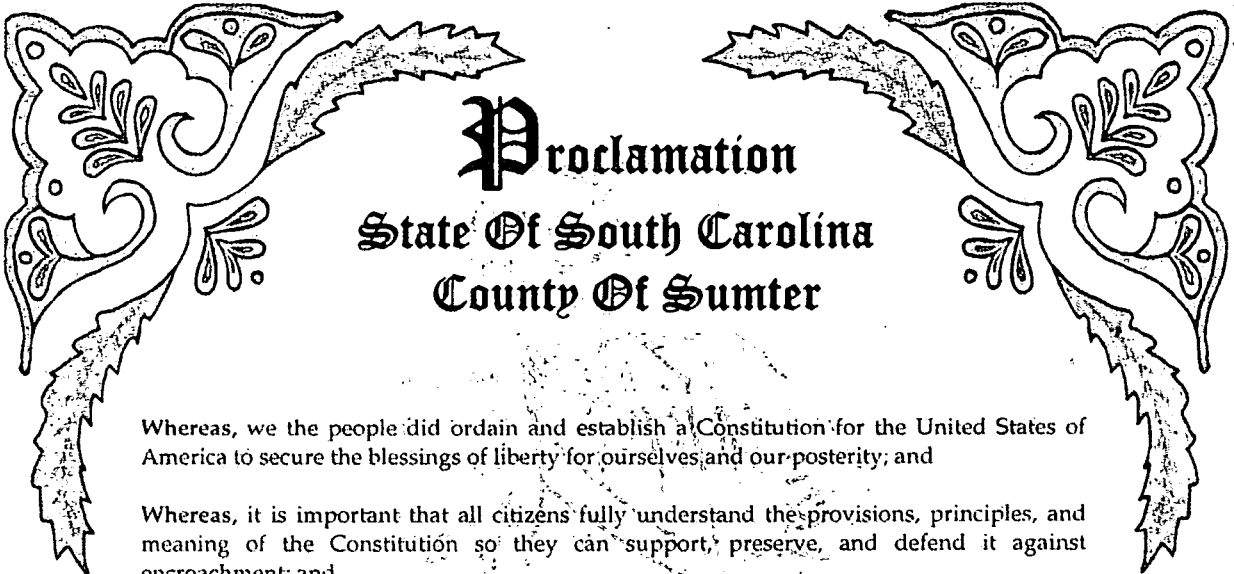
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anthony Dennis".

Anthony Dennis
Sheriff

Cc: The Honorable James C. Campbell

**Sumter County Sheriff's Office, 1281 North Main Street Sumter, South Carolina
29153 Telephone (803)436-2700 Fax (803)436-2783 Website www.sumtersheriff.org**

APPENDIX E



Proclamation
State Of South Carolina
County Of Sumter

Whereas, we the people did ordain and establish a Constitution for the United States of America to secure the blessings of liberty for ourselves and our posterity; and

Whereas, it is important that all citizens fully understand the provisions, principles, and meaning of the Constitution so they can support, preserve, and defend it against encroachment; and

Whereas, the President and the Congress of the United States have designated September 17th as Citizenship Day and the week of September 16-22, 2012, as Constitution Week; and

Whereas, the people of the County of Sumter do enjoy the blessings of liberty, the guarantees of the Bill of Rights, equal protection of the law under the Constitution, and the freedoms derived from it;

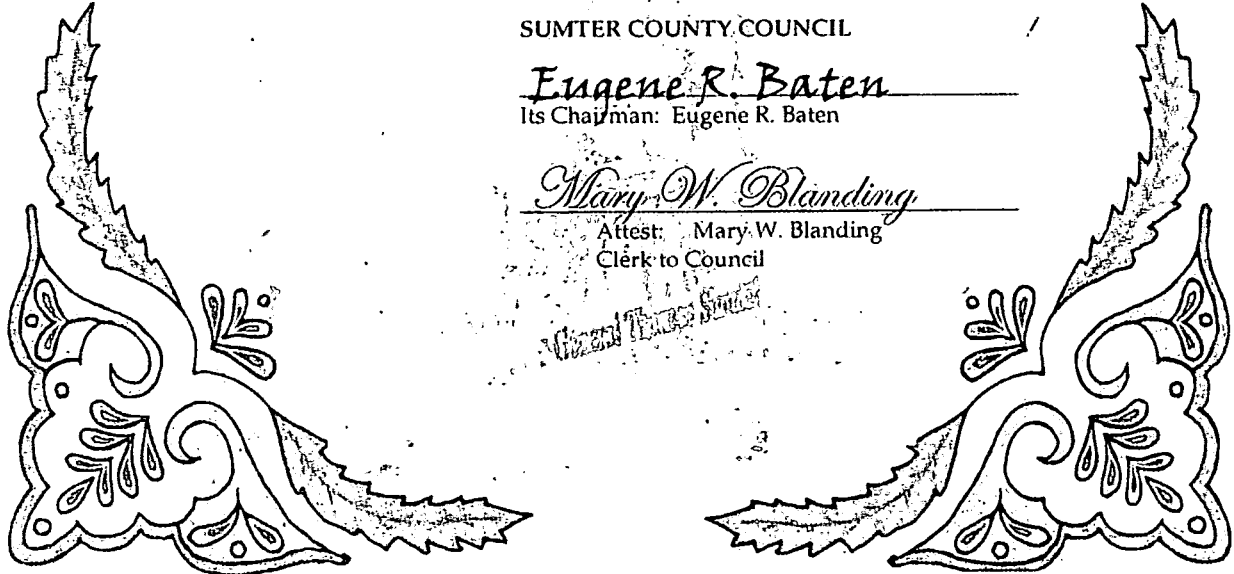
NOW THEREFORE, I, Eugene R. Baten, Chairman of Sumter County Council, do hereby proclaim September 17th as Citizenship Day and the week of September 16th through September 22nd as Constitution Week, and invite every citizen and institution to join in this national commemoration.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set the Seal of Sumter County to be affixed this 17th Day of September 2012.

SUMTER COUNTY COUNCIL

Eugene R. Baten
Its Chairman: Eugene R. Baten

Mary W. Blanding
Attest: Mary W. Blanding
Clerk to Council



APPENDIX F



State of South Carolina
Office of the Governor

NIKKI R. HALFY
GOVERNOR

OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE
POLICY AND PROGRAMS

June 26, 2013

Ms. Regina Hunter
3390 Highway 261 North
Rembert, SC 29128

Dear Ms. Hunter,

The Office of the Crime Victims' Ombudsman has received and reviewed your complaint regarding incidents at the Sumter County Courthouse. However, the concerns addressed in your complaint are outside the statutory jurisdiction of our office and we will not be able to assist you.

I believe many of your concerns regarding the Sumter County court and court personnel would be better addressed by Court Administration in the SC Judicial Department; therefore, I am going to forward a copy of your complaint to their office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Debbie Depra Curtis", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Debbie Depra Curtis
Crime Victims' Ombudsman

cc: SC Court Administration

OFFICE OF THE CRIME VICTIMS' OMBUDSMAN
1205 PENDLETON STREET
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29201
TELEPHONE: (803) 734-0357 | FAX: (803) 734-1428
EMAIL: cvo@oepp.sc.gov
WEBSITE: www.oepp.sc.gov/cvo

APPENDIX G

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Career Action Plan Group

From: Grant, Lena [LGrant@oepp.sc.gov]
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2014 11:05 AM
To: reginahunter@fc-i.net
Subject: Corrected Copy - RE: Ombudsman's June 16, 2013 Reply to CVO.Complaint Form

Mrs. Hunter,

I'm responding to your request to Veronica Swain Kunz. This is to confirm that on June 26, 2013 your information was sent to the South Carolina Judicial Department. Today, Monday, February 24, 2014, I spoke with Mrs. Rosalyn W. Frierson, Director of SC Court Administration and it was confirmed that your information was received in her office on June 27, 2013.

Thank you.

Lena L. Grant

Program Assistant

Office of Crime Victims' Ombudsman

1205 Pendleton Street

Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Direct: (803) 734-0357

3/18/2014

APPENDIX H



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA



HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION

1026 Sumter Street Suite 101, Post Office Box 4490
Columbia, South Carolina 29240
(803) 737-7800 FAX: (803) 253-4191

Raymond Buxton, Jr.
Commissioner

To file complaints call (803) 737-7800
or 1-800-221-9725 (In South Carolina)

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO SUE
(Dismissal)

TO: Ms. Regina Hunter
3390 Highway 261, North
Rembert, SC 29128

CHARGE #: 3-7-24-13-2

SHAC REPRESENTATIVE: Commissioner Raymond Buxton
TELEPHONE #: (803) 737-7800

This is your NOTICE OF RIGHT TO SUE. It is issued because of the reasons stated below:

- The Commission is issuing a Notice of Right to Sue. This ends the Commission's involvement in this matter.

The issuance of this NOTICE OF RIGHT TO SUE terminates the Commission's processing of your charge further, you have the right to sue the respondent(s) named in your charge in Circuit Court.

You may contact the SHAC representative named above if you have any questions about your legal rights including advice on which Circuit Court has jurisdiction to hear your case. An information copy of this NOTICE OF RIGHT TO SUE has been sent to the respondent(s) shown below.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION:

Commissioner

2-21-14
Date

cc: Sumter County Clerk of Court



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA



HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION

2611 Forest Drive, Suite 200, Post Office Box 4490
Columbia, South Carolina 29240
(803) 737-7800 FAX: (803) 253-4191

Raymond Buxton, II
Commissioner

Telephone Device for the Deaf
(TDD) (803) 253-4125
To file complaints dial (803) 737-7800
or 1-800-521-0725 (In-State Only)

February 21, 2014

Ms. Regina Hunter
3390 Highway 261, North
Rembert, SC 29128

Re: SHAC Complaint 3-7-24-13-2
Regina Hunter v. Sumter County Clerk of Court

Dear Ms. Hunter:

The South Carolina Human Affairs Commission, Division of Community Relations, has closed the subject complaint based upon:

- unable to resolve.
- being withdrawn by the Complainant.
- Complainant's failure to cooperate.
- Respondent's failure to cooperate.
- this case being referred to another agency.
- negotiations between you and Respondent.
- notice of right to sue issued.

Sincerely,

Raymond Buxton, II
Commissioner

cc: Sumter County Clerk of Court

APPENDIX I



U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Justice Programs

Office for Civil Rights

October 24, 2013

Washington, D.C. 20531

Regina M. Hunter
3390 Highway 261 North
Rembert, SC 29128

Dear Ms. Hunter:

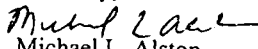
Thank you for your letter to Assistant Attorney General Karol Mason of the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) dated September 16, 2013. In your letter, you request that the OJP set aside a portion of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program funding awarded to the Sumter County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) for the appointment of a special investigator to evaluate the SCSO's compliance with civil rights statutes and regulations. Based on the information contained in your letter, you appear to allege that a deputy with the SCSO discriminated against you based on your religious beliefs when the deputy denied you access to the Sumter County courthouse for wearing a hijab.

The Office for Civil Rights (OCR) at OJP has the administrative responsibility for enforcing federal civil rights laws that prohibit agencies receiving DOJ financial assistance from discriminating in the provision of services on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, disability, sex, or age. While under the terms and conditions of the grant award the OJP cannot set aside a portion of the SCSO's JAG award for a special investigator, if you believe that the SCSO has discriminated against you, you may file an administrative complaint with the OCR and we will review your complaint pursuant to our enforcement authority.

To assist us in reviewing your allegations, please complete, sign, and date the two enclosed forms: (1) the Complaint Verification Form and (2) the Identity Release Statement. Both forms are also available online at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/about/ocr/complaint.htm>. Please send the completed documents to the following address: Attorney Shelley Langguth; Office for Civil Rights; Office of Justice Programs; U.S. Department of Justice; 810 7th Street, NW; Washington, DC 20531. If you choose to return the complaint documents by a private overnight carrier, please use the zip code 20001.

We will notify you in writing when we receive the complaint forms. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Langguth at (202) 305-2353.

Sincerely,


Michael L. Alston
Director

Enclosures

APPENDIX J

Court News

County Court Security Committees

The Court Security Task Force, under the leadership of Chief Justice Jean Toal and Chief Robert Stewart of SLED, has recommended establishment of county court security committees to address courthouse security concerns. The attached order from the Chief Justice establishes local court security committees chaired by a circuit or family court judge along with the county sheriff as vice-chair. Each county committee shall include at a minimum the County Clerk of Court, Chief Magistrate, Solicitor, Public Defender, a Chief of Police and Emergency Preparedness Manager.

2005-08-31-01

The Supreme Court of South Carolina

Re: County Court Security Committees

ORDER

Pursuant to the provisions of S. C. CONST. Art. V, § 4,

IT IS ORDERED THAT each county shall establish a Court Security Committee to address courthouse security concerns. Each county committee will be chaired by a Circuit or Family Court Judge as designated below and co-chaired by the County Sheriff. The committee members shall include at a minimum the County Clerk of Court, Chief Magistrate, a Chief of Police, Solicitor, Public Defender and Emergency Preparedness Manager.

Each Court Security Committee shall be responsible for performing a security audit of each building where court is held. A comprehensive checklist will be provided to each committee to perform the assessment. The committee will also be responsible for developing a security plan for every facility where court is held.

The following judges shall chair the respective county security committee:

The First Judicial Circuit:

Calhoun	The Hon. James C. Williams, Jr.
Dorchester	The Hon. Diane Schafer Goodstein
Orangeburg	The Hon. Anne Gue Jones

The Second Judicial Circuit:

Aiken	The Hon. Doyet A. Early, III
Bamberg	The Hon. Doyet A. Early, III
Barnwell	The Hon. Dale Moore Gable

The Third Judicial Circuit:

Clarendon	The Hon. Thomas W. Cooper, Jr.
Lee	The Hon. George M. McFaddin, Jr.
Sumter	The Hon. William Jeffrey Young
Williamsburg	The Hon. Clifton Newman

The Fourth Judicial Circuit:

Chesterfield	The Hon. Roger E. Henderson
Darlington	The Hon. J. Michael Baxley
Dillon	The Hon. James E. Lockery
Marlboro	The Hon. Edward B. Cottingham

The Fifth Judicial Circuit:

Kershaw	The Hon. J. Ernest Kinard, Jr.
Richland	The Hon. Reginald I. Lloyd

The Sixth Judicial Circuit:

Chester	The Hon. Brian M. Gibbons
Fairfield	The Hon. Kenneth G. Goode
Lancaster	The Hon. Brooks P. Goldsmith

The Seventh Judicial Circuit:

Cherokee	The Hon. Wesley L. Brown
Spartanburg	The Hon. I. Derham Cole

The Eighth Judicial Circuit:

Abbeville	The Hon. Wyatt T. Saunders, Jr.
Greenwood	The Hon. Billy A. Tunstall, Jr.
Laurens	The Hon. James W. Johnson, Jr.
Newberry	The Hon. John M. Rucker

The Ninth Judicial Circuit:

Berkeley	The Hon. R. Markely Dennis, Jr.
Charleston	The Hon. Roger M. Young

The Tenth Judicial Circuit:

Anderson The Hon. J. C. Nicholson, Jr.
Oconee The Hon. Alexander S. Macaulay

The Eleventh Judicial Circuit:

Edgefield The Hon. William P. Keesley
Lexington The Hon. Marc H. Westbrook
McCormick The Hon. William P. Keesley
Saluda The Hon. C. David, Jr. Sawyer

The Twelfth Judicial Circuit:

Florence The Hon. Arthur E. Morehead, III
Marion The Hon. Mary E. Buchan

The Thirteenth Judicial Circuit:

Greenville The Hon. Edward W. Miller
Pickens The Hon. G. Edward Welmaker

The Fourteenth Judicial Circuit:

Allendale The Hon. Perry M. Buckner
Beaufort The Hon. Jane D. Fender
Colleton The Hon. Perry M. Buckner
Hampton The Hon. Gerald C. Smoak, Jr.
Jasper The Hon. Robert S. Armstrong

The Fifteenth Judicial Circuit:

Georgetown The Hon. Paula H. Thomas
Horry The Hon. John Breeden, Jr.

The Sixteenth Judicial Circuit:

Union The Hon. Robert E. Guess
York The Hon. John C. Hayes, III

The State Court Administrator in coordination with the State Law Enforcement Division shall provide additional guidance to facilitate the process.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/Jean Hoefler Toal
Chief Justice

Columbia, S.C.
August 31, 2005

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Court of Appeals
[In The Supreme Court]

APPEAL FROM SUMTER COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas

W. Jeffrey Young, Circuit Court Judge

Case No. 2012-CP-430-1965

Regina M. Hunter,

Appellant.

v.

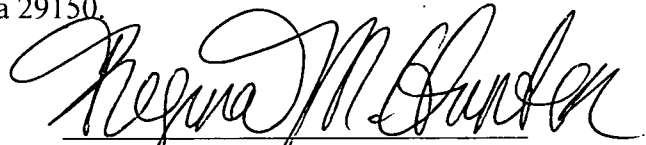
Sammie Taylor,

Respondent.

PROOF OF SERVICE (2)

In the name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful, I certify that I have served the Petition for Reinstatement on Circuit Court by depositing a copy of it in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, on March 18, 2014, addressed to the Clerk of Court, James C. Campbell, 215 North Harvin Street, Sumter South Carolina 29150.

March 18, 2013
17, Jumada Al-Awwal 1435 A.H.



Regina M. Hunter
3390 Highway 261 North
Rembert, South Carolina 29128-8540
(803) 883-0600
Appellant

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SC Court of Appeals