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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF ORANGEBURG)

IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS
FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

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The State of South Carolina,

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vs.

SC Court of Appeals -38-1549

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Dorothy Staton,

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CLERK OF COURT
ORANGEBURG, S.C.

Defendant. *[Signature]*
CLERK OF COURT
ORANGEBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

This matter came before me on the 17th day of October, 2001. The State was represented by Angela Garrick of the Office of the Solicitor. The defendant, Dorothy Staton, was in the courtroom. She was represented by Michael Culler of the Public Defenders Office. J. Eric Kaufmann, Esquire, appeared on behalf of the South Carolina Department of Mental Health.

The above-named defendant was found not guilty by reason of insanity on August 18, 1992 on the charge of Murder, and was thereafter committed to the Department of Mental Health pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §17-24-40. Ms. Staton has remained hospitalized in the Department of Mental Health since that time. The Department of Mental Health notified the Court recently that, in the opinion of its physicians, the defendant was no longer in need of hospitalization. This hearing is being held pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §17-24-40 (C) to determine whether the defendant shall be discharged.

The court heard testimony from Melvin S. Davis, LMSW, a social worker at the William S. Hall Psychiatric Institute. He testified that the defendant has current diagnoses of Schizophrenia, Paranoid Type, and Antisocial Personality Disorder. The defendant has received education about and treatment for her mental illness, which has been controlled with the use of medication. She has developed insight into her illness. She has been compliant with the rules of the program and has improved her ability to respond to others in an appropriate manner. Upon discharge, Ms. Staton will reside at the Northwoods Residential Treatment Program in Charleston, South

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Carolina. She will attend a daily treatment regimen at this site. Additionally, she will be followed by the Charleston/Dorchester Mental Health Center and the William S. Hall Psychiatric Institute outpatient clinic.

While of the opinion that she was no longer in need of hospitalization, Mr. Davis recommended that the defendant be required to receive ongoing evaluation, treatment and monitoring of her mental illness, and supervision of her prescribed medication. Mr. Davis recommended that, in the event Ms. Staton relapses into symptoms, she should be returned to an appropriate facility for assessment, treatment and eventual return to the community when clinically appropriate.

The court also heard testimony from Robert Milling, M.D., a psychiatrist at the William S. Hall Psychiatric Institute. Dr. Milling testified that he has examined Ms. Staton and that he was familiar with her history and treatment. It was Dr. Milling's opinion that the defendant's mental illness had stabilized; that she was capable of making responsible decisions with respect to her treatment, and that she was no longer in need of hospitalization. Dr. Milling stated that the defendant would require ongoing treatment, but that such treatment could be provided effectively on an outpatient basis.

Upon completion of the hearing and consideration of the record, I find that the defendant, Dorothy Staton, is no longer in need of continued hospitalization, but that she does require continued evaluation, treatment and monitoring, and supervision of her prescribed medications.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the defendant, Dorothy Staton, be released and discharged from the William S. Hall Psychiatric Institute upon the following terms and conditions:

That the defendant, Dorothy Staton, is ORDERED:



1. to comply with the program of care and treatment developed by the William S. Hall Psychiatric Institute and the Charleston/Dorchester Mental Health Center, including the keeping of scheduled appointments, participation in scheduled activities and the taking of all prescribed medications;
2. to execute any and all consents and authorizations required to enable the William S. Hall Psychiatric Institute, the Charleston/Dorchester Mental Health Center and the Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services to exchange information concerning her treatment, and her compliance with treatment and the other provisions of this order;
3. to remain abstinent from alcohol and illicit drug use and to comply with random or scheduled drug screens to insure sobriety and medication compliance;
4. to report as requested or required by the appropriate office of the Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services and to cooperate fully with the agency.
5. to refrain from obtaining or possessing any firearms and to refrain from allowing any firearms in her residence;
6. to live in a residence approved by her treatment staff; any change in residence shall be made only with the approval of her treatment staff; Ms. Staton shall allow treatment staff from the Department of Mental Health to visit her residence, as deemed appropriate by the treatment staff, to monitor compliance with her treatment regimen, including medication compliance; Ms. Staton shall cooperate with treatment staff during all aspects of these

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Staton shall allow treatment staff from the Department of Mental Health to visit her residence, as deemed appropriate by the treatment staff, to monitor compliance with her treatment regimen, including medication compliance; Ms. Staton shall cooperate with treatment staff during all aspects of these visits;

That the Charleston/Dorchester Mental Health Center is ORDERED:

7. to provide the defendant such care as is medically necessary for the treatment of her mental illness, and to monitor the defendant's compliance with the other terms and conditions of this order, including the performance of periodic or random tests of the defendant's urine or blood for the presence of illicit drugs or alcohol;
- 8: to mail written reports to the appropriate office of the Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services at least once every three months concerning the defendant's care, stating whether the defendant is keeping her appointments in a satisfactory manner, and whether the defendant is cooperating with her treatment plan, including the taking of any prescribed medication;
9. for purposes of complying with the provisions of this order, the Charleston/Dorchester Mental Health Center is authorized to disclose necessary information from its records to the appropriate office of the Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services, the circuit solicitor, the chief administrative judge of the circuit, and the defendant's attorney.

pursuant to the terms of this Order, with the circuit solicitor, the chief administrative judge of the circuit, the defendant's attorney, and the defendant;

11. in the event that the probation office is made aware in writing of the defendant's violation of this order, to give notice of that violation to the chief administrative judge of the circuit, the circuit solicitor, the defendant's attorney, and the defendant.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that in the event the defendant does not comply with the provisions of this Order requiring her to comply with the program of treatment developed by the William S. Hall Psychiatric Institute and the Charleston/Dorchester Mental Health Center, upon certification of such noncompliance by the William S. Hall Psychiatric Institute or the Charleston/Dorchester Mental Health Center, the Department of Mental Health is hereby authorized to immediately involuntarily re-hospitalize the defendant until a hearing is held before the court. Upon receipt of a copy of this Order and a written statement from the Director of the William S. Hall Psychiatric Institute, the Director of the Charleston/Dorchester Mental Health Center, or an authorized designee, stating that the defendant is in apparent violation of the conditions of this Order, the Sheriff of Charleston County or any other law enforcement agency is hereby authorized and required to transport the defendant to the hospital designated by the William S. Hall Psychiatric Institute or the Charleston/Dorchester Mental Health Center pending a hearing held pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §17-24-40(C). In such event, the Department of Mental Health will notify the Court, the circuit solicitor and the defendant's attorney. A hearing shall be scheduled within twenty-one (21) days of receipt by the Court of the notification of re-hospitalization.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that in the event that defendant's mental illness should

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worsen in the community, to the degree that she would again require hospitalization, the Charleston/Dorchester Mental Health Center may initiate hospital admission proceedings in accordance with current law and procedure. In such event, the Charleston/Dorchester Mental Health Center will notify the designated office of the Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services, the chief administrative judge, circuit solicitor and the defendant's attorney. The conditions of this order shall be suspended during the period of any such re-hospitalization, but shall return to full force and effect following a subsequent discharge. In the event of a re-hospitalization, no additional hearings need take place before this Court unless requested by one of the parties.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, should the defendant at some point in the future establish residence in a county other than Charleston, responsibility for followup care, treatment and monitoring, as set forth in this Order, will be transferred to the mental health center and the office of the Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services which serve the defendant's new county of residence.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Chief Administrative Judge of the First Judicial Circuit shall at all times have jurisdiction over the defendant for further proceedings as may be necessary.

James C. Williams

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE
FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Orangeburg, South Carolina

This 17th day of October, 2001

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