

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM RICHLAND COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas

The Honorable Alison Renee Lee, Circuit Court Judge

Case No. 2010-CP-40-4923

State of South Carolina,

Respondent,

v.

Christopher Taft,

Appellant.

FIRST AMENDED NOTICE OF APPEAL

The Appellant, Christopher Taft, incorporates by reference all the contents contained in the Notice of Appeal filed September 14, 2011, and also appeals the Order of Commitment of September 8, 2011. The undersigned received this Order on September 15, 2011. A copy of the referenced Order is attached hereto.

September 16, 2011



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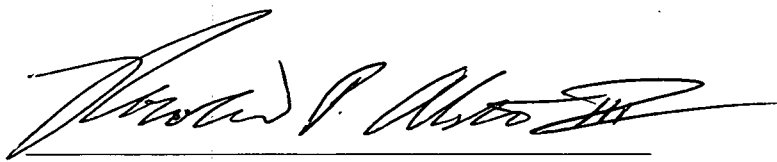
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PROOF OF SERVICE

I certify that I have served the First Amended Notice of Appeal on The State of South Carolina by depositing a copy of it in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, on September 16, 2011; addressed to the attorney of record, Lloyd V. Flores, Jr., Esq., Post Office Box 11549, Columbia, South Carolina 29211-1549.

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COUNTY OF RICHLAND
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

JUDGMENT IN A CIVIL CASE

CASE NO: 2010CP4004923

State Of South Carolina

vs.

Christopher Taft

Plaintiff

Defendant

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.
- ACTION DISMISSED (CHECK REASON):**
 - Rule 12(b), SCRPC;
 - SCRPC (Vol. Nonsuit); Rule 43(k), SCRPC (Settled); Other:
- ACTION STRICKEN (CHECK REASON):**
 - Rule 40(j) SCRPC;
 - Binding arbitration, subject to right to restore to confirm, vacate or modify arbitration award;
 - Other: _____

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DISPOSITION OF APPEAL TO THE CIRCUIT COURT (CHECK APPLICABLE BOX):

- Affirmed; Reversed; Remanded; Other

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;

Statement of Judgment by the Court:

Dated at Columbia, South Carolina, this _____ day of _____, 2011.

PRESIDING JUDGE

This judgment was entered on the _____ day of _____, 2011, and a copy mailed first class this 8 September 2011, to attorneys of record or to parties (when appearing pro se) as follows:

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James G. Bogle Jr.
Lloyd V Flores Jr.

Rowland P Alston III

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ATTORNEY(S) FOR THE DEFENDANT(S)

Jeanette W McBride

Clerk of Court

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF RICHLAND)
)
IN THE MATTER OF THE CARE)
AND TREATMENT OF)
CHRISTOPHER TAFT,)
RESPONDENT.)

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

CASE NO. 2010-CP-40-4923

ORDER OF COMMITMENT

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The trial of this case was held in the County of Richland in the Court of Common Pleas the week of May 23, 2011. A jury of citizens from Richland County heard this case pursuant to a request for a jury trial filed by the State. Assistant Attorney General Lloyd V. Flores, Jr., represented the State. Rowland P. Alston, III, Esquire, represented the Respondent. The jury having heard the presentation of the evidence made the following findings of fact pursuant to South Carolina Code Sections 44-48-90 and 44-48-100:


The State has proven beyond a reasonable doubt that Respondent, Christopher Taft, is a sexually violent predator as that term is defined in South Carolina Code Section 44-48-30.

Respondent filed post-trial motions for reconsideration and a new trial or, in the alternative, for judgment notwithstanding the verdict on June 1, 2011. Petitioner filed its Return to Respondent's motions on June 8, 2011. In an order filed August 30, 2011, the Court denied Respondent's motions for reconsideration, new trial, and judgment notwithstanding the verdict.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT

- (a) Respondent is committed to the Department of Mental Health for his long-term control, care and treatment;
- (b) Respondent is to be detained in the Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center and transported, as soon as possible, by the Sheriff of Richland County to a secure facility of the Department of Mental Health at 4460 Broad River Road, Columbia, SC 29210. The Sheriff is to transport Respondent on such scheduled date as the Sheriff's Office coordinates with the Department of Mental Health.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.


The Honorable Alison Renee Lee
Chief Administrative Judge for the Fifth Judicial
Circuit Court of Common Pleas

September 6, 2011
Columbia, South Carolina