

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE SUPREME COURT

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Appeal from Williamsburg County
Tanya A. Gee, Circuit Court Judge

Lower Court Case No. 2015-CP-45-0037
Appellate Case No. 2016-000615

Robert Troy Taylor, #315084,

Respondent,

v.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

Petitioner.

SUPPLEMENT TO THE RETURN TO PETITION FOR APPEAL BOND

The State of South Carolina respectfully submits the following supplement in opposition to the Respondent's motion for appeal bond:

1. Petitioner incorporates the original "Return to Petition for Appeal Bond" filed with this Court on June 29, 2016.
2. Petitioner now attaches to the "Return to Petition for Appeal Bond" various letters/emails from the victims and the victims' family members vehemently opposing Respondent's release on an appeal bond. These letters powerfully articulate the fears of the victims and express just what kind of a danger to society Respondent still poses.

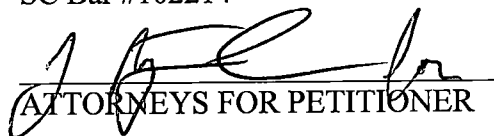
3. Petitioner lastly directs this Court's attention to a letter from Nancy Ritchey submitted by Respondent in which is stated that, "[i]f [Respondent] is to be released on bond, [Respondent] and I would be married and would live together, **with my children**, at my residence in Myrtle Beach." (emphasis added). Petitioner is very concerned that if Respondent is released on bond, he would be placed in yet another environment of opportunity with other children. Petitioner reiterates that Respondent pled guilty two counts of lewd act with a child under age 16 and one count of criminal sexual conduct with a minor-second degree with the same victim in this case, as well as two additional victims, in Georgetown County in 2006. He was also convicted in this case of kidnapping and criminal sexual conduct-second degree.
4. Petitioner strongly urges this Court to deny appeal bond based on the letters provided as well as Respondent's prior history.

Respectfully submitted,

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July 1st, 2016


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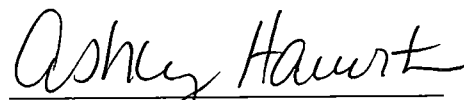
PROOF OF SERVICE

I, CHANDRA E. YOUNG, certify that I have served the Supplement to the Return to Petition for Appeal Bond on opposing counsel by depositing two copies of the same in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to:

Tricia A. Blanchette, Esquire
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I further certify that all parties required by Rule to be served have been served.

This 1st day of July 2016.



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Trisha Allen

From: M. Erlacher [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2016 2:34 PM
To: Trisha Allen
Subject: Troy Taylor Appeal

To: Ms. Trisha Allen

Dear Ms. Allen,

I am writing on behalf of Allison Cooper Wright, who is the daughter of my niece, Mary Lee Cooper, both of Myrtle Beach, SC.

The possibility of the release from prison of Troy Taylor, Allison's ex husband, is of much concern. I witnessed first-hand the fear and hurt that Troy caused, not only to Allison and to their two children, Logan and Griffin, but to the entire family. This strong, Christian family has coped with the unfortunate situation remarkably well; they have struggled to regain some sense of peace over the years, always considering what's best for the children.

In addition to their loss of security, and the stress of his freedom, I worry that the seizures Allison so frequently suffered will resurface due to the unsettling trauma of Troy's release.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Mildred J. Erlacher



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Trisha Allen

From: Mary Lee Cooper [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2016 2:38 PM
To: Trisha Allen
Subject: R. Troy Taylor

To Whom It May Concern,

I have known Robert Troy Taylor for 33 years. My husband and I were able to get to know him better 23 years ago when he "moved in" on our daughter, Allison, while they were at NGU. He'd lost his drivers license, so he would ride back and forth with her to college. I began to see then just how manipulative he was. I said "moved in" on her because that's exactly what he did. He has strong manipulation powers and he uses them to his advantage, no matter who he plows over. He tried to take Allison from us and did take the grandchildren away for several months. His physical abuse and manipulation caused her to have seizures. Drs could find no other reason for the seizures.

Robert Troy Taylor is a threat to the people, especially children - young boys in particular. Drs have diagnosed him as being schizophrenic. My concern is for the boys he has already hurt, their families; as well as our daughter and her children. He admitted in a phone conversation with Allison that he did touch those boys inappropriately. He admitted in court he did it. He even stood up in his church and admitted his guilt.

Since being in prison, he's tried to convince people that he is innocent of the charges. I personally heard him tell Griffin, his biological son, that he had to be like Jesus and suffer in jail for something he didn't do.

His many letters addressed to Griffin and Logan have been obviously directed to try and hurt Allison. He thought he could 'get to her' -- but it didn't work. He never had his children's best interest at heart.

I am begging you to keep Robert Troy Taylor in prison for his 2 life sentences without parole. I firmly believe he will be a menace to our family, to the families he has already hurt, and even those that didn't come forward, AND to those he will come in contact with should he be free to roam. It's a scary thought that he might be free! Please don't let him out - he is evil.

Thank you for any consideration you can give to my words and concerns and all the others that will write you with their concerns as well. He does not need to be free at any time.

Sincerely,
Mary Lee Cooper

Trisha Allen

From: Michael Scott [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 01, 2016 12:40 AM
To: Trisha Allen
Subject: Troy Taylor

Hi Ms Allen. My name is Michael Scott. I had a front row seat to the vile and destructive behavior that Troy Taylor exhibits. He is a world class chameleon and liar who used the church as a hunting ground to satisfy his twisted desires. I am absolutely sure that prison has only made him a better monster, unfit for life in civilized society. I was privileged enough to participate in Troy's first trial despite being on my second deployment to Iraq. At the time, I knew how important it was to be involved and fortunately, my command agreed. I planned my leave; the only time away I had from a combat zone for 14 months to coincide with his trial. I was not going to let a little thing like a war stand in the way of telling my part of the story. So when I heard from Allison about the opportunity to write to you I gladly took it. Robert Troy Taylor is a master manipulator who was able to hide in plain sight for a long time and have his way. He is a special kind of predator who used what was supposed to be a safe place so he could surround himself with young and impressionable boys only to end up hurting many of us. And all through the disguise of a youth minister and pastor! That is why he should not only be denied bail, he should be denied any future retrial and just get used to rotting in prison where he belongs. Thank you for the opportunity to express my feelings and keep up the good work caging all the animals.

By the way, you have my permission to read this in court, aloud, right to Troy's face.

Sincerely, Michael.

Trisha Allen

From: Allison Wright [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 01, 2016 8:01 AM
To: Trisha Allen
Subject: RE: Troy Taylor
Attachments: #1.pdf

I am writing as the ex-wife and mother of Troy Taylor's biological children. First of all it's hard to believe that I am having to ask that the courts/judge keep a pedophile in prison. Knowing the history Troy has and the very sickening outcome - why wouldn't that be enough. He was a trusted well known pastor/youth minister. He was able to manipulate and use that occupation and his family to cover for his sick twisted ways. He's a master manipulator. I ask that you see this for the sake of me, my children and countless others. My children have suffered but they have grown into lovely and whole young people. They are winners in every sense; personality, spiritually, academically, and much more! They don't need him to be out of prison to only wreck their lives. They have said countless time they want nothing to do with him. He crosses boundaries such as trying to contact my them without going through me first - knowing it was court ordered to go through me first. He's got sneaky intentions. Troy admitted to me on a recorded phone call, he admitted to the crime in front of the church congregation (recorded as well). And he was found guilty in the court of law on these crimes - why isn't that enough to keep him in prison. The victims of Troy have tried to move on with their lives in the best possible way and to have him out of prison is so unfair.

Pedophiles don't have signs on their backs or neon arrows pointing over their heads. They are camouflaged and the destruction and manipulation is secretly and quietly done. In the much research and therapy I've been through to cope with it all in my life, I've learned that pedophiles can be "treated" but never cured. Their urges will always be present. Please with this in mind hear our plea.

Allison Wright

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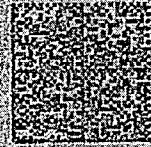


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Trisha Allen

From: Allison Wright [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 01, 2016 8:09 AM
To: Trisha Allen
Subject: Letter from Dave Wright
Attachments: Trisha Allen - Letter.docx

Attached is the letter my husband wrote.

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Allison

My name is Dave Wright and I am the husband of Allison Wright and the stepfather of Griffin and Logan Wright. With the understanding that a retrial has been granted for inmate Troy Taylor, and the consideration of releasing him on bond until that time - I am asking you to stop for a moment and ask yourself this one question... Knowing the "facts" and "his guilty plea" that lead to his incarceration. Would you want this guy to be in your community or around your kids? It has been a long road for recovery for this family and we are still a work in progress. We have spent approximately ten years and countless hours with family counselor Randy Hiatt working with all of us to get through the muck of the wake that he has left. He has shown that he cannot/will not abide by the law through court order (which we have proof) not to reach out to his biological children except via mail through Allison at her discretion. I believe he will follow this path and take further steps to get in touch (by any means necessary) with them if he is to be released. Understanding that he has a support group as I assumed he would... Please don't be mistaken or fooled, for this is a direct by-product of his extreme manipulation. For these reasons I have listed in this letter, I am asking that you please "Don't drink the Kool-Aid" and keep him incarcerated until his trial.

Trisha Allen

From: Griffin [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 01, 2016 9:33 AM
To: Trisha Allen
Subject: Re: Griffin and Logan Wright

This is a joint letter to say that my sister and I want to do whatever we can to keep our biological father in prison. We think he has no place out side of prison because of the crimes he has committed and already has been proven guilty! We know he has written us letters on many occasions and they are very destructive and we want nothing to do with him!

Sent from my iPhone

Trisha Allen

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 01, 2016 9:45 AM
To: Trisha Allen
Subject: Robert Troy Taylor

To whom it may concern,

To let Robert Troy Taylor out of prison would seem to be a crime, itself. The effect he has had on my family over the years has caused us great heart ache, helplessness, and despair. My son, at only eleven years old, was kidnapped, molested, and told by Taylor that if he spoke of this incident to anyone that he would kill his mother.

The fact that my son is twenty-eight years old and has finally gotten his life back on track is great, but for Taylor to be let out of prison and for my son to know that fact would possibly make him take a turn for the worse. He has come so far, and to let Taylor out of prison would put all of these years of effort to waste. I do not want to see my son back track. Can you imagine being traumatized at the age of eleven years old and having to live with that on your mind for the rest of your life?

To let a man who caused all of this heart ache and depression in my son and my family out of prison would be like adding gasoline to a forest fire. Who is to say that Taylor will not try this again on more young boys? Taylor plans to marry a woman with two children. Who is to say that he will not harm those children or other children, for that matter? One of the other boys who has been molested by Taylor was his own relative! Why would anyone let someone out of prison who openly admitted to a crime such as child molestation? And why would a man openly admit to such a crime and then later on retract that statement?

Taylor is a manipulator. He uses The Bible and his knowledge of the Christian faith to manipulate people into thinking differently of himself. But you cannot hide behind reality. And the reality of the matter is that Robert Troy Taylor has molested young boys in his life, and these few years he has served in prison do not serve as an antidote to his sick mind. What rehab has been provided to this man in prison? In what way can anyone prove that he will never harm a young boy again? I am not only scared for my child's well being or my own, but for that of another poor family who may have to deal with what I deal with on a daily basis. I would never wish this awful, painful life situation on anyone. Letting Taylor out of prison would be a great mistake. Letting Taylor out of prison would mean opening a door to the world that everyone has tried so desperately to keep shut. If this man gets out into our world again, who is going to be there to save another little boy from what my poor little boy had to go through? Who is going to save the next victim?

Robert Troy Taylor deserves to rot in prison. No matter what he has said against his acts, he is a lying, manipulative man who may never change. People like this, sick people who hurt children, may never change.

Scared to death,

Pamela Causey

Trisha Allen

From: Lanielle Burke [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 01, 2016 10:02 AM
To: Trisha Allen
Subject: Robert troy taylor
Attachments: Hugh B.docx

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From: "Burke, Lanielle" [REDACTED]
Date: Jun 30, 2016 1:44 PM
Subject: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc:

Lanielle Burke

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Hugh B. Causey

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing in regards to the possible release of Robert Troy Taylor from prison. When I was eleven years old Taylor kidnapped, molested, and raped me. He ruined my life. I have struggled since then with depression and much more. In 2016 I have finally felt somewhat free of the burden Taylor put on my life since he decided it was okay to rape me. Now, not only me but my family is being faced with the unimaginable, that he might get out of prison. I have two young daughters and a young son and I am scared to death of the possibility that Taylor will be out and can come and bring harm to my children, fiancée, and me. During the time he molested me he told me that if I ever told he would bring harm to my family. Seeing as I am a witness against him I am truly terrified that he will come after my family and me and harm us or even kill us. Not only am I afraid for my own life but for the community as a whole. I know I was not the only child Taylor raped and molested, and I have no doubt he would do it again. This world is not safe with Taylor out of prison. Please do not let this man out of prison. My life and the lives of others will be in danger.

Trisha Allen

From: Erin Duncan-Vincent [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 01, 2016 10:37 AM
To: Trisha Allen
Subject: Regarding Troy Taylor

To Whom It May Concern,

I am pleading that Troy Taylor stay incarcerated until his trial in hopes that when trial does come that it will come to a unanimous guilty verdict. Though I have been reserved about sharing, it seems as though this is the time to come forward with additional information that I know regarding Mr. Taylor. I am asking that this be held confidential between only the judge and necessary parties, and if possible with anyone other than the judge that my name be left anonymous. Our family was very close to the Taylor family while attending the church that Troy pastored. During that time we were often at their personal residence and I babysat for their two children, Logan and Griffin Wright, many times. During those times there were a handful that Troy would be there with me and the children before Allison arrived or after Allison left when they would be going to separate destinations. During those times Troy exposed himself more than once as well as asked for favors to bring him things while he was fully exposed and showering. Not only did it happen to me but it happened to other children in the house at the same time as well. I watched him sexual assault another child, not his own, when I was present. She was 7 years of age at the time. Without him knowing my presence I walked in upon him assaulting another little boy, not his own, who was 5 years of age at the time. This man not only is a sexual predator, but a man who has disgraced the name of God and the title of Pastor. He can be forgiven by God himself and I hope that he comes to great repentance for what he has done, but that does not mean by any stretch of the imagination that this man, Troy Taylor, should be given the right to be a free man until his trial. His freedom puts many in danger and makes for fearful women and men that were exposed to his deviant behavior as children and teenagers. Troy Taylor is GUILTY. I witnessed these things described as well as was present on the camping trip where other boys were sexually assaulted that are part of his sentence.

Thank you for hearing my plea. I hope that this can help the decision to keep him incarcerated until his trial.

Thank you.
Ms. Erin Vincent

Trisha Allen

From: Russell Cooper [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 01, 2016 11:19 AM
To: Trisha Allen
Subject: Letter about Robert Tory Taylor
Attachments: img174.jpg

Please feel free to contact if you have any question

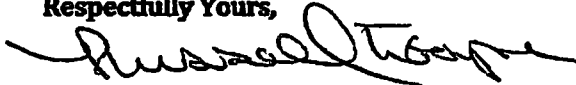
Miss Allen,

My name is Russell Cooper Allison father, there are several reasons Robert Troy Taylor should stay in jail.

- 1.) He has ruined may people's lives, not only my family but other family as well while acting as a pastor and man of god.**
- 2.) The fear of what he may do if he gets out of jail to these people and my family should not be allowed, and they have to relive their nightmare all over again.**
- 3.) He is the biggest manipulator that I have ever known and will say whatever he needs to get what he wants.**
- 4.) He thinks he is smarter than everyone and can hold control over people.**
- 5.) He sent me a card in December that the Warden of the prison now has (Perry Correctional institution 430 Oaklawn Rd. Pelzer, SC 29669) I have never received anything from him before and it stated that he will see me soon. The way it was written I perceived it as a threat and so did the Warden.**
- 6.) While he was married to my daughter his attitude and actions caused her to have seizures and since the divorce and him being incarcerated she has had zero seizures, but when the card came in you could see her demeanor change.**
- 7.) If he is released I feel sure he will come after her in a way that would damage her and my family even more.**

If for some reason he is released I would like to have a no contact order and protective order against him and his family. We have all been living in fear of the day he may get released.

Respectfully Yours,



Russell Cooper



Trisha Allen

From: Sherry Clardy [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 01, 2016 11:34 AM
To: Trisha Allen
Subject: RE: Troy Taylor

To Whom It May Concern

Troy Taylor is a convicted child rapist and he may be convicted again. So why would the system take the chance to let him out to maybe rape another innocent victim while he awaits his trial. This is disturbing news and too much to risk for the community.

Trisha Allen

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 01, 2016 12:06 PM
To: Trisha Allen
Subject: Troy Taylor
Attachments: Note re release.docx

Dear Ms. Allen:

I was asked by Allison Wright to possibly send you some information. Not sure it is helpful, and apologize for its delay, as I have been with clients all day. Find it attached.

Thank you,

Randy E. Hiatt, Ed.D.

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Marriage, Family & Child Counseling Services

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Date: July 1, 2016

To: Trisha Allen

Re: Troy Taylor

I was asked by Allison Wright, if I might contact you regarding Troy Taylor and not allowing his release before his new trial date. I doubt I have much to offer regarding this matter and would only suggest:

- A. He has a history of childhood sexual abuse
- B. He had pornography on his computer at church
- C. He confessed to his wife that he had skeleton's in his closet that were coming out
- D. He confessed guilt in his trials
- E. He failed to get help before all these things happened
- F. I strongly suspect that prison has not afforded him therapy
- G. He contacted his daughter while she was at school, was that in the boundaries of the court order
- H. To what extent were other family members petitioned by him to make contact with his children
- I. Sexual predators are some of the hardest people to treat—requiring great time and confrontation—where has that treatment been afforded by a Licensed Clinical Psychologist seasoned in such work who claims that such release will not be problematic
- J. Sexual predators often have many victims that have yet to come into the open
- K. Sexual predators are manipulative, often communicating one thing with motives in a different direction
- L. Are all the issues checked out by the court who seeks to release the individual back into society

I should trust that if the court is going to release someone back into the public, the safe guards are so strong that it is almost impossible for problems to reoccur. If released, who is the Licensed Clinical Psychologist with a history of treating sexual predators that he will be assigned to, for both his health and the health of the public? Additionally, will he be on the sexual offenders list, under any form of probation/supervision/regularly scheduled visits.

Respectfully,
Randy E. Hiatt, Ed.d.