

FORM 4

JUDGMENT IN A CIVIL CASE  
CASE NUMBER 2015CP1800210

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF DORCHESTER  
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

Matthew Thomas Pickens 2016 JUN -7 AM Department of Corrections  
South Carolina

PLAINTIFF(S) DEFENDANT(S)

Submitted by: Attorney for:  Plaintiff  Defendant  
 Self-Represented  In Pro Per

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- 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.  See Page 2 for additional information.
- ACTION DISMISSED (CHECK REASON):  Rule 12(b), SCRPC;  Rule 41(a), SCRPC (Vol. Nonsuit);  
 Rule 43(k), SCRPC (Settled);  Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- ACTION STRICKEN (CHECK REASON):  Rule 40(j) SCRPC;  Bankruptcy;  
 Binding arbitration, subject to right to restore to confirm, vacate or modify arbitration award;  Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- DISPOSITION OF APPEAL TO THE CIRCUIT COURT (CHECK APPLICABLE BOX):  
 Affirmed;  Reversed;  Remanded;  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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SC Court of Appeals

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; (formal order to follow)  Statement of Judgment by the Court:

ORDER INFORMATION

This order  ends  does not end the case.

Additional Information for the Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_

INFORMATION FOR THE JUDGMENT INDEX

Complete this section below when the judgment affects title to real or personal property or if any amount should be enrolled. If there is no judgment information, indicate "N/A" in one of the boxes below.

Judgment in Favor of (List name(s) below)	Judgment Against (List name(s) below)	Judgment Amount To be Enrolled (List amount(s) below)

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The judgment information above has been provided by the submitting party. Disputes concerning the amounts contained in this form may be addressed by way of motion pursuant to the SC Rules of Civil Procedure. Amounts to be computed such as interest or additional taxable costs not available at the time the form and final order are submitted to the judge may be provided to the clerk. **Note: Title abstractors and researchers should refer to the official court order for judgment details.**

Maite' Murphy 2166 6/7/2016  
Circuit Court Judge Judge Code Date

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This judgment was entered on **6/7/2016**, and a copy mailed first class or placed in the appropriate attorney's box on **6/7/2016**, to attorneys of record or to parties (when appearing pro se) as follows:

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**ATTORNEY(S) FOR THE DEFENDANT(S)**

*Cheryl Graham*

**Court Reporter**

**Cheryl Graham - Clerk of Court**

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING DECISION BY THE COURT AS REFERENCED ON PAGE 1.**

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF DORCHESTER

Matthew T. Pickens #151245,

Plaintiff,

v.

South Carolina Department of Corrections,

Defendant.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

C/A NO.: 2015-CP-18-0210

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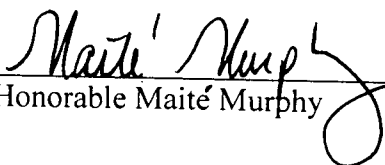
This matter came before the court on Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment.

Present at the April 20, 2016, hearing were Matthew T. Pickens, *pro se*, and Kevin M. DeAntonio and Christopher T. Dorsel, counsel for Defendant. The Court heard arguments from both parties regarding Plaintiff's sole cause of action for gross negligence under the South Carolina Tort Claims Act, S.C. Code Ann. § 15-78-10 to -220.

After reviewing the law and argument, the Court finds that there is no genuine issue of material fact, and viewing the record in the light most favorable to Plaintiff; Defendant is entitled to judgment as a matter of law.

**THEREFORE**, the Court grants Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment, and all other motions are now moot. This Order ends the case.

**AND IT IS SO ORDERED.**

  
The Honorable Maité Murphy

May 23, 2016

St. George, South Carolina