

The Supreme Court of South Carolina

The State,

v.

Steven Louis Barnes.

Edgefield County
2005-GS-0273 and -0457

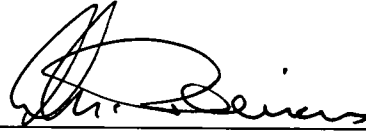
ORDER

By order dated June 9, 2014, the Honorable Diane Schafer Goodstein was assigned to hear and dispose of the above-captioned case. In that order, Judge Goodstein was asked to provide the Office of Court Administration with an update on the status of the case ever 120 days. Shortly after Judge Goodstein's submission of the first status reports in the matter, dated September 4 and 11, 2014, the State sought a common law writ of certiorari in this Court to review a pretrial ruling of Judge Goodstein. This Court's opinion affirming Judge Goodstein's ruling was issued on July 1, 2015. *State v. Barnes*, 413 S.C. 1, 774 S.E.2d 454 (2015). No status updates have been provided since that time.

Upon recent inquiry by this Court, Jeffrey Bloom, counsel for Mr. Barnes, informed the Court that Judge Goodstein has held several status conferences; however, William McGuire, co-counsel for Mr. Barnes, was granted protection in the case of *State of South Carolina v. Dylann Roof* from appearing in all other matters pending in the General Sessions Courts in which he is acting as defense counsel. Mr. Bloom states he anticipates a trial date will be set in Mr. Barnes' case once the *Roof* case is concluded in state court. While Mr. Bloom surmises that the newly elected Solicitor for the Eleventh Circuit will need some time to become familiar with Mr. Barnes' case prior to trial, he notes Assistant Solicitor Ervin Maye has informed Judge Goodstein that the State is ready to proceed.

By order of this same date, the order of protection issued in the *Roof* case has been amended to the extent that it shall not provide protection to Mr. McGuire in the re-

trial of the above-captioned case. Preparations for the retrial in the *Barnes* case shall resume, as shall the status updates requested by the order of June 9, 2014.



Chief Justice Costa M. Pleicones

Columbia, South Carolina
December 16, 2016

cc:

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Honorable Diane Schafer Goodstein
Honorable Charles L. Reel
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