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David Scot Lynd v. Isle of Palms, et al.
Appellate Case No. 2016-002024
Case No. 15-CP-10-2824

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF CHARLESTON

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

DAVID SCOT LYND,
Plaintiff,

v.

ISLE OF PALMS POLICE DEPARTMENT,
DAWN CALDWELL, individually and in her
capacity as an officer of the Isle of Palms Police
Department, and SOUTH CAROLINA LAW
ENFORCEMENT DIVISION,

Defendants.

Case No.: 2015-CP-10-2824

SUMMONS
(Jury Trial Demanded)

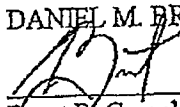
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TO: THE DEFENDANT(S) ABOVE NAMED:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to answer the Complaint in this action, of which a copy is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer to said Complaint on the below subscribed attorney at his office at PO Box 2061, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29465 within thirty (30) days after the service hereof exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in this action.

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COUNTY OF CHARLESTON

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Plaintiff,

v.

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CAPTAIN DAWN CALDWELL, individually
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Palms Police Department, and SOUTH
CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT
DIVISION,

Defendants.

Case No.: 2015-CP-~~16~~-2824

COMPLAINT
(Jury Trial Demanded)

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The Plaintiff, complaining of the Defendants, states as follows:

1. The Plaintiff, David Scot Lynd, is a citizen and resident of Mesquite, State of Texas.
2. Defendant Isle of Palms Police Department (hereinafter referred to as "IOPPD") is a municipal police department located in Charleston County, State of South Carolina.
3. Upon information and belief, Defendant Dawn Caldwell (hereinafter referred to as "Caldwell") was at the time of the incidents complained of herein, an employee of IOPPD in that she retained the rank of Detective Dawn Caldwell while also serving as IOPPD's evidence technician. Upon information and belief, she is a citizen and resident of Charleston County, State of South Carolina.
4. Defendant South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (hereinafter referred to as "SLED") is an administrative law enforcement department of the State of South Carolina, created and acting under and by virtue of S.C. Code Ann. § 23-3-10.

5. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that at all times herein mentioned each of the defendants was the agent, employee, co-conspirator, joint venturer, partner, principal, employer, distributor, and/or dealer of each of the remaining defendants, and in doing the things hereinafter alleged, was acting within the course and scope of the agency and employment.

6. Venue is proper with this Court because a substantial part of the events giving rise to the claims occurred in Charleston County.

7. This Court has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of this action.

10. On or before 2002, Plaintiff David Lynd was the rightful owner of two (2) jet skis that he had purchased in Mesquite, Texas. Plaintiff stored these water vehicles in a storage warehouse. On January 11, 2004, Plaintiff reported the theft of these jet skis to the Garland Police Department in Texas.

11. Upon information and belief, the Garland Police Department charged Norbert Hall with the theft of Plaintiff's jet skis. Through his attorney, Norbert Hall provided an affidavit to the Garland PD stating that the jet skis were at a specific location on Isle of Palms, South Carolina. Based on the above, upon information and belief, the Garland Police Department thereafter dropped the charges against Mr. Hall and removed the jet skis in question from the NCIC database.

12. Upon receiving this information, Plaintiff spoke with Defendant Caldwell via telephone. Defendant Caldwell claimed to have gone to the address, but did not locate the stolen jet skis. Defendant Caldwell informed Plaintiff and the local Garland Police Department by letter that the stolen property was not at the address stated in the affidavit in May of 2004 and advised there was nothing more she could do. This was the last contact Plaintiff had with Defendant Caldwell until 2012.

13. Shortly thereafter, on or around June 1, 2004, Norbert Hall was stopped by Defendant Caldwell and the IOPPD on Isle of Palms. In his possession were two (2) jet skis fitting the description provided by Plaintiff. Defendant Caldwell claims to have run the serial numbers and hull numbers through the NCIC database. However, had Defendant Caldwell

actually run these numbers, she would have seen they were registered to Plaintiff, no longer listed as stolen, and would have arranged to have them returned to Texas by either Mr. Hall himself, or through the IOPPD. Instead, Defendant Caldwell took them into custody and impounded the vehicles. However, it does not appear that either Defendants Caldwell nor IOPPD ran the jet skis VIN numbers, or follow other requirements for titled property, which also would have secured Plaintiff's property. No other communication regarding the jet skis was ever provided to Plaintiff.

14. In 2012, Plaintiff, attempting to remove the two (2) jet skis from his name as assets in Texas, filed a FOIA request with the Defendant IOPPD wherein he requested the file # 04-18619.

15. Plaintiff's FOIA request went to Tracy Waldron, secretary to the IOPPD Chief of Police. Contained within her file are inter-office emails to Defendant Caldwell explaining that certain documents, including, but not limited to, destruction documents, were not in the file. Also contained therein is a reply from Defendant Caldwell stating that she has the documents on her personal flash drive, will add them to the file, and deal with Plaintiff personally.

16. Shortly thereafter, Plaintiff received a voicemail from Defendant Caldwell wherein she threatened him with a false and manufactured prosecution if he continued digging into this matter.

17. Eventually, Defendant IOPPD complied with Plaintiff's FOIA request and provided him with file # 04-18619. The file itself is dated June 1, 2004. However, the page dates jump back and forth. Upon information and belief, Plaintiff alleges that Defendant Caldwell altered this particular file on September 11, 2012. Each page of the report, though in numeric order, has different dates accompanying its entry. Pages one and three for instance have the date 6-1-2004. Pages 2 and 4 have the date 9-11-2012. Most importantly, Defendant Caldwell and IOPPD added two (2) additional pages (five and six) to the file on 9-11-2012.

18. On pages five and six of the file, Defendant Caldwell and IOPPD added a "Supplementary Report," on September 11, 2012, roughly eight (8) years after the initial report. Despite eight years having passed from the original date, Defendants Caldwell and IOPPD seem

to have a precise recollection of the events described therein. However, as will be evident from her later interview with SLED agents, Defendant Caldwell admits to fabricating a majority of the information contained on pages five and six.

19. Defendant Caldwell claims to have sent Plaintiff three (3) letters. Again, these purported letters were not present in the original file, but later altered and added by Defendants on September 11, 2012. The letters appear to be an attempt to notify Plaintiff that he had ninety (90) days to pick up his property. These letters are purportedly dated July 23, 2004, August 20, 2004, and October 28, 2004. They were allegedly sent to Plaintiff at the following address: 2605 Rustown Dr., Garland, TX 75150.

20. Contrary to statutory guidelines and standard procedure, however, Defendant Caldwell did not mail these three letters via certified mail. Furthermore, Defendant Caldwell and IOPPD sent these alleged letters to the wrong address despite having his correct address on file. Nevertheless, the file does not contain any indication these items were returned to Defendant IOPPD or Defendant Caldwell as undeliverable, as they would have had they been sent, since the address is nonexistent.

21. Defendant Caldwell and IOPPD provided a false rendition of the events that occurred in 2004 in their Supplementary Report dated September 11, 2012. Therein, they claim to have spoken with Detective Smith of the Garland Police Department. They claim that this detective was provided with a Bill of Sale showing that Plaintiff had sold the water crafts to Norbert Hall, and that there was an open insurance fraud case against Plaintiff for falsely reporting these jet skis stolen. The entirety of this assertion is false. Despite claiming to have evidence of a Bill of Sale, none is in the file or has ever been provided in this matter. Furthermore, Plaintiff was never under investigation for insurance fraud in Texas related to these jet skis. In fact, the particular water craft that are the subject of this action were not insured, so it was impossible for Plaintiff to even make an insured claim.

22. Furthermore, in their Supplementary Report, Defendant Caldwell asserts that she

had telephone contact with Plaintiff on June 24, 2004 advising him the water craft were at the IOPPD office, and that he needed to make arrangements to pick them up, that the condition of the jet skis was poor, and that he'd likely need a flat-bed tow truck to transport them, as "the trailer, and most importantly the axle was rusted to the point of breaking." See File #04-18619, pages 5-6.

23. Defendant Caldwell claims Plaintiff stated he was not coming to South Carolina to retrieve his property, which is also patently false.

24. Most importantly, Defendants Caldwell and IOPPD's rendition of the alleged facts in their Supplementary Report states that Defendant Caldwell met with an insurance adjuster on behalf of Plaintiff on July 21, 2004. As stated earlier, these particular water craft were not insured at the time of loss. No such insurance adjuster would have come out to Isle of Palms on behalf of Plaintiff. Plaintiff was not, and did not make any such insurance claim on this property. Regardless of the above, the file number does not contain any indication that any insurance adjuster ever saw the property, found it to be a total loss, or anything of the sort. This is further proof that Defendants Caldwell and IOPPD created a false rendition of the facts some eight years after the fact to cover up their malfeasance.

25. Upon receiving the file, Plaintiff requested that Isle of Palms Police Chief Buckhannon further look into this matter. On October 18, 2012, Chief Buckhannon requested that SLED review this particular case, referenced as OCA # 04-18619.

26. Defendant SLED did open an investigation, but did not notify Plaintiff of said investigation, nor did they interview him. Instead, they appear to have conducted an investigation in secret wherein they interviewed only Defendant Dawn Caldwell and reviewed file # 04-18619 without even so much as mentioning the addition of documents and reports some eight (8) years after the fact, Defendants' failure to comply with statutory notice requirements, or the numerous discrepancies contained in Defendants' many documented accounts of the events that transpired.

27. Defendant Caldwell provided a Statement to Defendant SLED on January 8, 2013 in connection with the SLED Investigation. There are numerous inconsistencies between this account, and the account provided on September 11, 2012 in the Supplementary Report.

28. On the same date, Defendant Caldwell provided an Affidavit of Fact to the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department. This statement also conflicts with her other renditions.

29. On or about August 5, 2013, Defendant SLED notified Defendants Caldwell and IOPPD that they had administratively closed their investigation without finding any wrongdoing. However, Plaintiff was not provided the same notice.

30. Upon information and belief, Defendant IOPPD continued having issues with evidence missing from their evidence room / locker, and proceeded to audit their evidence room. Pursuant to their findings, on or about July 8, 2014, Defendant Caldwell was arrested by Defendant SLED for allegedly selling evidence, and her service weapon, to a pawn shop while she was still employed with the police department. She was charged with breach of trust with fraudulent intent over \$2,000 and misconduct in office in connection with alleged falsification of items while she worked as an evidence technician for the department. Court records indicate that Defendant Caldwell, while employed as a police captain with the IOPPD, fraudulently pawned and sold a number of items taken from the police department's evidence room to the Money Man Pawn Shop. Nevertheless, during the pendency of this second SLED investigation into her malfeasance, IOPPD arranged to have Defendant Caldwell transferred to another department, the North Charleston Police Department, instead of punishing her themselves.

31. As a direct and proximate result of the numerous negligent acts and omissions by Defendant Caldwell, Defendant IOPPD, and Defendant SLED, Plaintiff's property has been concealed, destroyed, or otherwise converted. Plaintiff has suffered a loss of property, and will continue to incur such damages and costs to investigate this matter. Plaintiff is entitled to an award of all actual, incidental, consequential, and punitive damages.

FOR A FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION AS TO ALL DEFENDANTS
(Conversion)

32. Plaintiffs reallege paragraphs 1 through 31 as though fully set forth in this First Count.

33. Defendants admittedly took unlawful possession of the personal property that is

the subject of this action.

34. Defendants have maliciously converted Plaintiff's personal property in that they either allowed for Plaintiff's property to be destroyed without providing him with the required statutory notice requirements, sold Plaintiff's property to an unknown buyer, or otherwise improperly disposed of said personal property.

35. Plaintiff seeks monetary compensation for the value of the personal property that Defendants willfully converted.

FOR A SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION AS TO ALL DEFENDANTS
(Negligence / Gross Negligence)

36. Plaintiffs reallege paragraphs 1 through 35 as though fully set forth in this Second Count.

37. Defendants admittedly took unlawful possession of the personal property that is the subject of this action.

38. Defendants failed to comply with their own standard practices and procedures in safeguarding Plaintiff's personal property as described herein.

39. When confronted about their negligent acts and omissions, Defendant Caldwell and IOPPD falsified police records and fabricated an insurance fraud situation in an attempt to discourage Plaintiff from pursuing the recovery of his personal property.

40. As a result of Defendants' willful breaches of duty, Plaintiff has now been deprived of his personal property. Plaintiff is entitled to actual damages against Defendants in an amount to be determined by the trier of fact, and an award of punitive damages in an amount sufficient to impress upon Defendants the seriousness of their conduct and to deter such similar conduct in the future.

FOR A THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION AS TO DEFENDANTS IOPPD AND
CALDWELL
(Fraud)

41. Plaintiffs reallege paragraphs 1 through 40 as though fully set forth in this Third Count.

42. In an effort to discourage Plaintiff from digging into these matters, Defendants have admittedly falsified police records some eight (8) years after the fact.

43. The representations made by Defendants were false and material.

44. Defendants made these representations with the intent that the Plaintiff act in reliance upon them.

45. Plaintiff, while questioning the authenticity of the records, was ignorant of the falsity of the representations, and had the right to rely upon the fact that Defendants would accurately and honestly report the true facts of the open investigation.

46. Plaintiff acted in reliance upon Defendants false and fraudulent misrepresentations.

47. As a direct result of the Defendants' fraudulent conduct, the Plaintiff has been injured by, among other things, being deprived of his personal property, he has experienced severe emotional distress.

48. Plaintiff is entitled to actual damages against Defendants in an amount to be determined by the trier of fact, and an award of punitive damages in an amount sufficient to impress upon Defendants the seriousness of their conduct and to deter such similar conduct in the future.

FOR A FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION AS TO ALL DEFENDANTS
(Civil Conspiracy)

49. Plaintiffs reallege paragraphs 1 through 48 as though fully set forth in this Fourth Count.

50. Defendants Caldwell, IOPPD and SLED acted in concert or combination to defraud and cause monetary injury to Plaintiff.

51. Defendants' actions resulted in injury inflicted upon the Plaintiff by Defendants pursuant to a common scheme.

52. Plaintiff has suffered special damages in that he has experienced severe emotional

distress and financial hardship because of the conspiracy itself.

53. Plaintiff is entitled to recover actual, compensatory, incidental and punitive damages along with attorney's fees and costs.

FOR A FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION AS TO DEFENDANTS IOPPD AND CALDWELL
(Defamation/Label/Slander)

54. Plaintiffs reallege paragraphs 1 through 53 as though fully set forth in this Fifth Count.

55. Defendant Caldwell has maliciously falsified police reports as described herein. She has willfully and intentionally manufactured a scenario in which she wrongfully accuses Plaintiff of being involved in an insurance fraud scheme, despite admittedly having no first hand knowledge of that fact.

56. Defendant Caldwell and IOPPD, with reckless disregard for the truth, accuse Plaintiff of attempting to sell the personal property to another individual, only to later claim the property was stolen, in an attempt to collect insurance proceeds. They claim in official police records to have met with and discussed the personal property at length with an insurance adjuster that does not exist.

57. When pressed on their inconsistencies, Defendant Caldwell, acting within the scope of her employment as an IOPPD Officer, called Plaintiff and threatened to have him prosecuted if he continued digging.

58. Defendants' actions resulted in injury inflicted upon the Plaintiff by Defendants in that they have caused serious and irreprehensible damage to his reputation. Plaintiff has suffered further damages in that he has experienced severe emotional distress as a result of these false statements.

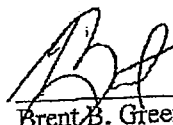
59. Plaintiff is entitled to recover actual, compensatory, incidental and punitive damages along with attorney's fees and costs.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays that:

- A. Plaintiff recovers actual damages, consequential damages, and punitive damages against all Defendants or, alternatively, against some of the Defendants in an amount to be determined by the trier of fact;
- B. Plaintiff recovers the costs and expense of this suit;
- C. Plaintiff recovers prejudgment interest and attorney's fees; and
- D. Plaintiff be awarded any other remedy it is entitled to at law or at equity.

Respectfully submitted,

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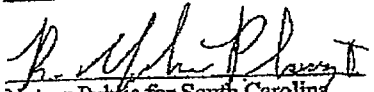
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VERIFICATION

PERSONALLY appeared before me David Scot Lynd who, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the Plaintiff in the within action; that he has read the foregoing VERIFIED COMPLAINT and that all matters alleged therein are true to the best of his knowledge, save and except those matters alleged on information and belief, and, as to those, he believes them to be true.



David Scot Lynd

SWORN to before me this
~~16~~¹⁸ day of May, 2015



Notary Public for South Carolina
My Commission Expires: ~~3/10/2018~~

Exhibit B

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Case No. 15-CP-10-2824

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

JUDGMENT IN A CIVIL CASE

CASE NO. 2015 CP-10-2824

David Scot Lynd,

Isle of Palms; Dawn Caldwell individually and in her
capacity as an officer of the Isle of Palms Police

Department, and South Carolina Law Enforcement
Division

PLAINTIFF(S)

DEFENDANT(S)

Submitted by:

Attorney for : Plaintiff Defendant
or
 Self-Represented Litigant

DISPOSITION TYPE (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. 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

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: Defendant South Carolina Law Enforcement Division's Motion for Summary Judgment filed March 7, 2016 is granted.

ORDER INFORMATION

This order ends does not end the case.
Additional Information for the Clerk : _____

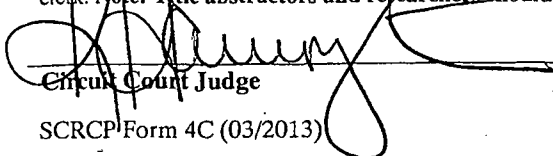
INFORMATION FOR THE JUDGMENT INDEX

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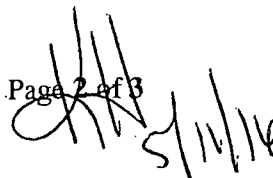
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did not notify him when the investigation was closed. Following Plaintiff's receipt of the requested records, Plaintiff notified the Chief of Police of the Isle of Palms of his concern that the records he received were insufficient or false. The Chief of Police asked Defendant South Carolina Law Enforcement ("SLED") to investigate. SLED began their investigation in October of 2012 and subsequently closed the investigation in April of 2013. Plaintiff's Complaint alleges causes of action for Conversion, Negligence/Gross Negligence, and Civil Conspiracy against SLED.

Law and Analysis

The South Carolina Tort Claims Act, S.C. Code Ann. § 15-78-10, *et seq*, provides the "exclusive remedy for any tort committed by an employee of a governmental entity." S.C. Code Ann. § 15-78-70(a). The Tort Claims Act imposes a two year statute of limitations, unless a verified claim is filed within one year. S.C. Code Ann. § 15-78-100(a). The statute of limitations begins to run when a cause of action reasonably ought to have been discovered. *Bayle v. South Carolina Department of Transportation*, 344 S.C. 115, 123, 542 S.E.2d 736, 740 (Ct.App. 2001). To determine when the statute begins to run, the court considers whether a person of common knowledge and experience would be put on notice of the potential existence of a claim, based on the circumstances of the case. *Young v. South Carolina Department of Corrections*, 333 S.C. 714, 719, 511 S.E.2d 413, 416 (Ct.App. 1999).

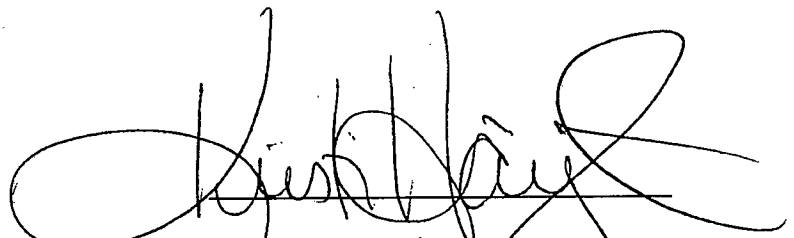
This Court finds Plaintiff was notified by certified letter sent in April of 2013 that SLED had been contacted, conducted an investigation, and had closed the investigation. Plaintiff acknowledged receipt of this letter in an e-mail dated May 16, 2013, in which he stated he had contacted his attorneys and was aware of potential claims he could raise. As a governmental agency, the claims brought against SLED must be filed pursuant to the Tort Claims Act and its

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statute of limitations. No verified claim was filed in this case within one year, thus the two year statute applies. The statute of limitations begins to run when a person of common knowledge and experience is on notice of the existence of a potential claim. This Court further finds that based on the circumstances, a person of common knowledge would be put on notice of any potential claims against SLED arising from the factual allegations asserted by Plaintiff when Plaintiff received the letter in April of 2013. Moreover, Plaintiff confirmed his receipt of the letter and stated his belief that a cause of action existed on May 16, 2013. Plaintiff's claims against Defendant SLED were untimely filed on May 18, 2015, after the expiration of the two-year statute of limitations.

Based on the above, it is therefore,

ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant South Carolina Law Enforcement Division's Motion for Summary Judgment is hereby **GRANTED**.



The Honorable Kristi Lea Harrington
Judge, Ninth Judicial Circuit

May 11, 2016
Charleston, South Carolina

Exhibit C

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**PLAINTIFF'S NOTICE OF MOTION
AND MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM
ORDERS GRANTING SUMMARY
JUDGMENT TO DEFENDANTS
SOUTH CAROLINA LAW
ENFORCEMENT DIVISION AND
DAWN CALDWELL PURSUANT TO
RULE 60(B)(3)**

NOW COMES Plaintiff, David Scot Lynd, by and through counsel, hereby moving this Court, pursuant to Rule 60(B)(3) of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure, for relief from its Orders granting Defendants South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (hereinafter referred to as "SLED") and Defendant Dawn Caldwell's Motion(s) for Summary Judgment on the basis of misrepresentation.

Grounds for this motion are as follows:

1. This matter was commenced on May 18, 2015 by Plaintiff filing a Verified Summons and Complaint for damages based on alleged negligent conduct of Defendants in converting his personal property (two jet skis).
2. Defendants SLED and Caldwell filed Motions for Summary Judgment, and the same were heard on April 26, 2016.
3. Among other things, Defendants presented some emails Mr. Lynd had sent to them in September, 2012 and May, 2013. Based upon the contents of these emails presented to

the Court dated May 16, 2013, this Court granted Summary Judgment for Defendants SLED and Caldwell on the issue of the statute of limitations.

4. The Orders granting summary judgment base their reasoning on the following statements Plaintiff made in an email to Chief Buckhannon: Lynd questioned any purported SLED investigation and stated "I have contacted a dozen or so Charleston attorneys... They pretty much all say the same thing that it is a very easy case to win... Be sure you inform the City Council, I tried to handle this without a suit, you choose to have one, and threaten and attempt to intimidate me."

5. The entire email is attached hereto as Exhibit A. In it, Mr. Lynd states, "At no time did you tell me of an investigation by this SLED agency. If so I would have fwd to them the proof I have found... I have contacted Sled and the[y] can find no record of an investigation under my name, Det. Caldwells, yours, or the Jet ski hull I.D. Numbers. So please provide the documentation of this investigation, and findings... In my own discussions with them of starting my own inquiry, I was informed I would have been contacted if one had taken place.... Please fwd to me this investigation record and findings you claim to have..."

6. In the present case, Mr. Lynd began digging into the facts surrounding the disappearance of his personal property by filing a FOIA Request with the Isle of Palms Police Department in late 2012. Contained within that file were numerous discrepancies, including, but not limited to, additions from some eight years after the incident, unsupported claims that the property had been abandoned, declared a total loss, and destroyed.

7. Upon receiving this information, Mr. Lynd went about contacting Chief Buckhannon, who, without Mr. Lynd's knowledge, referred the investigation to SLED. No one from Isle of Palms nor SLED ever informed Mr. Lynd that a SLED investigation was ongoing.

8. The first mention to Mr. Lynd about this SLED investigation occurred on April 26, 2013, wherein Chief Buckhannon informed Mr. Lynd he had turned over the investigation to SLED, and that they had conducted a three month investigation into the matter, found no wrongdoing, and closed the case. In this letter, Chief Buckhannon makes mention of sharing the results of the investigation with the elected and appointed administration of the City, and further states that it is not expected that there will be any further communication regarding this investigation.

9. Chief Buckhannon, while admitting that he shared the results of the investigation with others, refused to provide Mr. Lynd with the results of the investigation outside of stating there was no wrongdoing.

10. As Mr. Lynd's email in response to this letter dated May 16, 2013 makes clear, Mr. Lynd contacted SLED and was informed at that time that no investigation regarding this matter had occurred, if one had been conducted, he would have been contacted, and further requested that since Isle of Palms had the results of the investigation, that they kindly forward to him for review.

11. As of May 16, 2013, Mr. Lynd did possess knowledge of an injury (the loss of his jet skis). However, Mr. Lynd, was not on notice of the specific facts constituting a cause of action against any of the Defendants, including SLED and Caldwell. The Isle of Palms claims that Mr. Lynd abandoned the property, and that they complied with the notice requirements before disposing of said allegedly abandoned property by way of destruction. Mr. Lynd would have gladly welcomed an investigation by SLED officers, and would have cooperated to the fullest extent, had he been apprised of the same.

12. As stated above, Mr. Lynd contacted SLED and requested information regarding the investigation, and was initially told that no such investigation had taken place. He did not officially receive a copy of the SLED investigation until the fall of 2013.

13. Upon receiving a copy of the SLED Investigation, Mr. Lynd learned that SLED did not in fact administratively close their investigation on or before April 26, 2013, as Chief Buckhannon states in his certified letter to Plaintiff. The SLED letter to Isle of Palms is dated *August 5, 2013. See Exhibit B.*

14. Furthermore, the SLED investigation appears to gloss over Defendant Caldwell's admitted failures, despite her providing a voluntary written statement (attached hereto as Exhibit C) contradicting SLED's findings. It must be noted again that Mr. Lynd was never contacted during the pendency of this investigation to verify the information being provided, including most notably, the existence of an insurance adjuster that assessed the property as a total loss, or the alleged letters that were not sent via certified mail, and to a dubiously wrong address. *See Exhibit C.*

15. There are numerous discrepancies between Defendant Caldwell's Voluntary Statement (Exhibit C) and Defendant SLED's Investigative File (attached hereto as Exhibit D). Most notably, Caldwell admits to failing to send Plaintiff required certified letters regarding his property, and states that she met with an insurance adjuster in 2004. *See Exhibit C.* However, SLED's Investigative File makes no mention of Caldwell's failure to send the required notices via certified mail, nor that if Caldwell actually ever did mail them, they did not show up in Isle of Palms' file until 2012 *after* Plaintiff's FOIA Request. *See Exhibit D.* Additionally, Caldwell insists she met with an insurance adjuster in 2004, at the time the jetskis were allegedly

destroyed. *See Exhibit C.* Yet, SLED's Investigative File states "On July, 2012, she met with an insurance adjuster at IOPPD in regards to the skis." *See Exhibit D.* In summary, Defendant Caldwell's Voluntary Statement to SLED does not match up with SLED's findings in this matter.

15. On April 17, 2014, Plaintiff contacted the State of South Carolina Office of the Crime Victims' Ombudsman. *See Exhibit E.* Based upon the attached document, their investigation appears to be limited to contact with Isle of Palms' legal counsel, and nothing further.

15. South Carolina Code Ann. § 15-78-110 provides a two year statute of limitations for claims against State Agencies. Under the discovery rule, the statute of limitations begins to run from the date the injured party either knows or should know, by the exercise of reasonable diligence, that a cause of action exists for the wrongful conduct. *Dean v. Ruscan Corp.*, 321 S.C. 360, 468 S.E.2d 645 (1996); S.C.Code Ann. § 15-3- 535(Supp.2004). *See also Berry v. McLeod*, 328 S.C. 435, 492 S.E.2d 794 (Cl.App.1997).

16. Under § 15-3-535, the statute of limitations is triggered not merely by knowledge of an injury but by knowledge of facts, diligently acquired, sufficient to put an injured person on notice of the existence of a cause of action against another. *True v. Monteith*, 327 S.C. 116, 120, 489 S.E.2d 615, 617 (1997). The limitations period is intended to run against those who are neglectful of their rights and who fail to exercise reasonable diligence in enforcing their rights; however, it is not the policy of the law to unjustly deprive an injured person of a remedy. *Moriarty v. Garden Sanctuary Church of God*, 341 S.C. 320, 534 S.E.2d 672 (2000).

17. At the hearing on Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment, counsel for Defendants read into the record mere portions of the attached email wherein Plaintiff angrily responds to Chief Buckhannon's short and avoidant investigation.

18. This cases involves allegations of fraud and a civil conspiracy against the above-named Defendants. Defendant IOP surreptitiously turning over the investigation to SLED without informing the aggrieved party so that he may cooperate in the investigation, and SLED's early denials of the existence of the same, and subsequent findings that are not in line with Defendant Caldwell's Voluntary Statement should give this Court pause for concern, and at a minimum, should allow for relief from the grant of Summary Judgment to Defendants SLED and Caldwell.

19. If this Court were to allow the granting of summary judgment to stand, it would be a tacit approval of Defendants' conduct, including, but not limited to supplementing an eight (8) year old police file, failing to run VIN numbers on titled property, failing to provide any notice, much less notice by certified mail, which was required under the law, that they were in possession of Plaintiff's property, fabricating an insurance adjuster's existence and report of total loss to the property, as well as destruction documents.

WHEREFORE PLAINTIFF DAVID SCOT LYND respectfully moves this Court to relieve him of its opinion and order in this regard and to vacate the order to reflect the denial of Defendants' Motions for Summary Judgment.

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Respectfully submitted,

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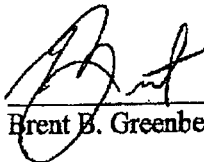
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this 21st day of June, 2016, served a copy of the foregoing *Plaintiff's Notice of Motion & Motion for Relief from Judgment Pursuant to Rule 60(B)(3)* on the following by placing same in the United States Mail, postage prepaid to:

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The Honorable Kristi Lea Harrington
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PRESIDING JUDGE AT SUMMARY JUDGMENT
HEARING



Brent B. Greenberg, Esquire



ISLE OF PALMS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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ISLE OF PALMS, SOUTH CAROLINA 29451
PHONE (843) 886-6322 FAX (843) 886-6327
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April 26, 2013

David Scot Lynd
2805 Rustown Drive
Mesquite, Texas 75150

Dear Mr. Lynd,

Upon receiving your complaint containing allegations of misconduct against Captain Dawn Caldwell regarding the improper disposal of personal watercraft delivered to the Isle of Palms Police Department in 2004, an inquiry into the matter was initiated.

All documentation, including your complaint was forwarded to the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED). As an independent agency, inquiry into incidents involving Law Enforcement Officers falls within their purview, as a matter of course.

After a three month investigation into the matter, no wrongdoing was found, and the case is now closed. The allegations and results of the investigation have been shared with the elected and appointed administration of the City. It is not expected that there will be any further communication regarding this investigation.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Buckhannon, III
Chief of Police

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Complete boxes 1, 2, and 3. Also complete box 4 if Restricted Delivery is desired.
 Print your name and address on the reverse so that we can return the card to you.
 Attach this card to the back of the mailpiece, or on the front if space permits.

1. Article Addressed to:
 David Scott Lynd
 2605 Hustown Drive
 Mesquite, Texas
 75150

2. Article Number
 (Check for service label) **7010 3670 0001 1858 8526**

3. Service Type:
 Certified Mail Express Mail
 Registered Return Receipt for Merchandise
 Insured Mail EMS

4. Restricted Delivery (Extra Fee) Yes No

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 6. Date of Delivery _____

7. Signature of Agent _____
 8. Address _____

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PS Form 3811, February 2004 Domestic Return Receipt 10258-024-100

Tim Dornin

From: Linda Tucker <tucker@lop.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 01, 2015 12:58 PM
To: Tim Dornin
Subject: certified letter

From: david scot [mailto:davidscot@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2013 5:20 PM
To: chiefbuckhannon@lop.net
Cc: barbara@opnet@gmail.com; sandystone@islandcity.com; bettie@belsouth.net; mloftus@comcast.net; d34927@aol.com; szabo@playa@aol.com; kpmys@thomscarroll.com; d34927@aol.com; buckhannon@lop.net; tucker@lop.net
Subject: certified letter

Sir

I received your certified letter no 70101670 0001 1858 8526, dated 4-26-13.

At no time did you tell me of an investigation by this SLED agency. If so I would have tried to obtain the new proof I have found. This is the 1st mention of it, and your letter claims it has been a 3 month investigation. Hummus, strange.

I have contacted Sled and they can find no record of an investigation under my name, Det. Caldwell's, yours, or the Jet ski hull ID. Numbers. So please provide the documentation of this investigation, and findings.

Seems odd that a three month long investigation took place, and they never contacted me, by mail, phone, e-mail, etc. not a single inquiry. In my own discussions with them of starting my own inquiry, I was informed I would have been contacted if one had taken place. So I am glad you sent that by certified mail, stating it did.

No investigation could have taken place with the facts as they are, and clear wrong doing not been found. Unless, the facts they were given are somehow different now, as the file showed someone attempted to add stuff to it years later and modify it, and that is without dispute.

I tried to resolve this with you amicably, but have been threatened, intimidated, and lied too.

I have contacted a dozen or so Charleston attorneys, that my attorneys gave me information on, some with ongoing suits against IOP, others past suits, and a few large firms that have offices both here and Charleston. They pretty much all say the same thing that it is a very easy case to win, covering both the value of the skis at the time, the interest, loss of use, and years of rental fees to IOP. I guess you'll didn't think we would discover that last one.

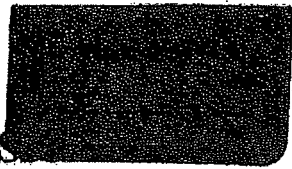
Be sure you inform the City council, I tried to handle this without a suit, you choose to have one, and threaten, and attempt to intimidate me.

Please fwd to me this investigation record and findings you claim to have, as well as the letter to the TP&W dept, letter you sent, so they can be "matched up" to what we already have. Thank you

David Lynd

469-323-1751

SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION



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MARK A. KEEL
Chief


August 5, 2013

Thomas Buckhannon, Chief of Police
Isle of Palms Police Department
30 JC Long Boulevard
Post Office Box 508
Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29541

Re: *Caldwell, Dawn (S) / Lynd, David (V)*
SLED File #: 31120085

Dear chief Buckhannon:

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) was requested to investigate the above referenced matter in the Isle of Palms, Charleston County. Special Agent Teresa J. Beacham was assigned to the investigation. A report was submitted to the Isle of Palms Police Department as requested for review and handling. As such, SLED has administratively closed this file.

It has been our pleasure looking into this matter for you. Should you have any questions or need anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me at 843-782-3822 (office) or 803-
 (cell). We look forward to working with you again in the future.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Capt. Ryan Neill
South Carolina Law Enforcement Division
Investigative Services - Low Country Region

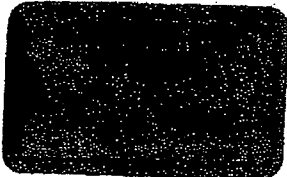


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P.O. Box 21398 / Columbia, South Carolina 29221-1398 / (803) 737-9000 / Fax (803) 896-7588

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]



TD: Chief Buckhannon,

1. Sgt. Riley advised me that he had spoken with Detective Smith with the Garland, TX Police Department to let them know that HALL had dropped the jet-skies off at our office, and that Detective Smith was calling LYND to let him know that HALL had dropped off the jet-skies.

[REDACTED]

2. I did call LYND on 06/24/04 to "remind him" that he needed to come pick up his property. I say "remind him" because I assumed Detective Smith had made a call to LYND as per his (Detective Smith) conversation with Sgt. Riley.
3. The information regarding a bill of sale and investigations into LYND for insurance fraud I obtained from the original report. These are things I did not have first-hand information of.

I learned that LYND was being investigated for insurance fraud from LYND himself during a telephone conversation with him. During the same conversation, he accused Garland Police Department of falsely accusing him of fraud. I advised LYND that I did not have any knowledge of information the Garland Police Department had obtained during their investigation, or about how the allegations even began.

4. The jet-skies were checked through NCIC at the time HALL delivered them to IOPPD. There was no return showing them as being reported stolen, nor was there any outstanding warrants for HALL. In Section 3 of HALL's letter to you he stated, "Det. Caldwell was instrumental in that action, through her investigation and discover of the lies in the affidavit." I never read an affidavit of any kind, nor did I ever speak with HALL. This being the case, I do not know what I was "instrumental" in accomplishing.



5. There was no investigation, on our behalf that was ever conducted. The Incident Report is an Information Report, the property was shown not to have been stolen via NCIC nor was HALL wanted. All things being considered, an investigation, on our behalf was not warranted. As far as I was concerned, we were merely securing property.

[REDACTED]

6. [REDACTED] I did not add case notes to the Supplementary Report, as they should have been. [REDACTED] I did not send the letters as registered or certified. I sent them in a drop box. [REDACTED] When he spoke with [REDACTED] about getting a copy of the report, the address that I sent the letters to was from the Garland Police Department. [REDACTED] In the allegation (Section 8 of the same letter sent to you by LYND) that I sent the letters to a non-existing address, they were well within the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] obtained for LYND from a legal document.

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- DMC
7. In Section 6 of his letter, he implies that I just made up the fact that an adjuster responded to the IOPPD to look at the property. Lt. Ray Wright can verify that I met with an adjuster. It is my fault that I failed to document the adjuster's information.
 8. At no time did I falsify any information or intend to intimidate LYND by inquiring for additional information, in response to his request for information. Me asking him for additional information was so that I could add it to our report.
 9. As a newly assigned investigator in 2004, in looking back some 8 years, I believe that I did not document this information as it should have been. Again, it was an Information Report that I did not put any time into because of the information I had and that it was my understanding, from that information, that our involvement was to hold the property for safekeeping. I admit I did not understand then, the proper procedure for safekeeping of stolen serial numbered property.
 10. I did not intentionally omit information from my report.
 11. I am not attempting to "cover up" anything, falsifying any documents or maliciously provide information to the Garland Police Department so they could prove or disprove their insurance fraud investigation. I did not speak to anyone at that department. As stated above, I assumed Sgt. Riley spoke with them and I didn't have any reason to contact them.
 12. The allegations being made by LYND is preposterous and the majority of the "facts" he documents as proof of my "suspect" involvement in his matter is false.
 13. I do take the responsibility that I did not document the events as they occurred as I should have. As I've mentioned to you, I guess, I made mistakes of a new investigator and I will accept my mistakes. I will submit to a polygraph or any other processes of your investigation in this matter.

Between you and I, and I would not say this to anyone but you, should LYND not be satisfied that his name is being removed from the property via Texas, and he continues to make slanderous statements about me to you accusing me of something I would never do, and causing you to doubt my performance, merit, honesty, integrity and dignity, I will prefer to follow my Department and City of any "bad press" and then come out and say that my own belief is that LYND is lying. DMC

Don M. Collier

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ISLE OF PALMS POLICE DEPARTMENT

OCA # 04-18619

Done 06/01/04: Original Report Date and date Norbert Hall dropped the property off at IOPPD.

06/01/04: Patrol Duty Sgt. John Riley advised that he contacted the Garland (Texas) Police Department to advise that Hall had dropped of the property for a David Lynd to pick-up.

06/24/04: I called David Lynd to advise him that he needed to make arrangements to pick-up the property, and that since the property was taken into IOPPD custody for safekeeping and not evidence, he had 90 days to pick-up the property. I, further, advised Lynd that the condition of the watercraft was poor and the trailer was rusted, so he would more than likely have to make arrangements to transport them on a flatbed trailer. Lynd stated that he was not coming to South Carolina to pick-up the watercraft.

07/21/04: I met with an insurance adjuster who had responded to IOPPD from a local insurance company at the request of a sister agency in Texas. Lt. Ray Wright (Assistant Chief of Police at the time) was also present. I spoke with Lynd on this date to remind him that he needed to make arrangements to pick-up the watercraft, in hopes that he would provide the insurance company information, or perhaps a claim he had filed so that I could have the information for our report. At that time, Lynd stated to me, again, that he was not coming to S. C. to pick-up the watercraft and that it would be up to the City of Garland, TX or the Garland (Texas Police Department) to pick them up, and "you can do whatever you want to with them, I'm not coming".

07/23/04: I mailed a letter to Lynd advising him that he had 90 days to pick-up the watercraft.

08/20/04: I drafted a second letter to Lynd advising him that he now had 60 days to pick-up the watercraft. Sent on 10/28/04

10/28/04: I drafted a third, and final letter to Lynd advising him that he had 30 days to pick-up the watercraft. Thereafter, the property would be disposed of as per IOPPD Policy and Procedures.

~~DATE: I did not send the letters certified or registered, nor did I send any return letters. The address that I mailed the letters to was from the Garland (Texas) Police Department.~~

Dawn McAllen

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On the same date, I met with Lt. Wright and advised him of the lack of communication with Lynd. I was advised to dispose of the property as per policy and procedure should Lynd fail to respond.

11/28/04: East Cooper Salvage responded to take control of the property to dispose of. Lt. Wright was also present.

06/05/12: Records Clerk Waldron received a request for a copy of our Incident Report from Lynd. It was mailed on 06/07/12.

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During that conversation, I requested the insurance company information for the watercraft, so that I could attach it in our Incident Report. It was at that time that Lynd's demeanor changed and he became hostile towards me and accused me of trying to obtain information on behalf of Garland Police Department for their insurance fraud investigation against him. pm

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Dawn McCallum

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**SOUTH CAROLINA
LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION**



INVESTIGATIVE FILE

Case Number: 31120085
County: Charleston
Police Officer: Caldwell, Dawn
Subject: Lynd, David Scot

SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

NIKKI R. HALEY
Governor



MARK A. KEEL
Chief

March 11, 2013

INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

TO: File 31-12-0085
FROM: Special Agent Teresa J. Beacham
RE: Misconduct
Caldwell, Dawn (Police Officer)
Lynd, David Scot (Subject)

COUNTY: Charleston

Introduction

On October 18, 2012, the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) received a written request (Attachment 1) from Chief Thomas B. Buckhannon, III, Isle of Palms Police Department (IOPPD), to investigate an allegation of misconduct made against IOPPD Captain (Capt.) Dawn Caldwell. According to IOPPD incident report 04-18619 and related documents (Attachment 2), on June 1, 2004, Norbert Hall of Garland, Texas turned over possession of two jet skies to IOPPD. The skies were subject of a property dispute between Hall and an acquaintance, David Lynd, of Mesquite, Texas. On January 11, 2004, Lynd reported to the Garland Texas Police Department (GPD) that Hall stole the skies from a storage unit he and Hall shared in May 2002. Hall claimed to have purchased the skies from Lynd and claimed Lynd was



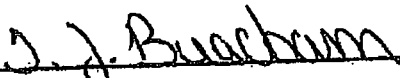
under investigation by GPD for insurance fraud for falsely reporting the skies stolen. At the time they were turned over to IOPPD, the skies were not entered into the national crime database as stolen property. Per IOPPD policy, the skies were held for safekeeping for no less than ninety days. When Lynd failed to pick up the skies, they were released to a salvage company to be destroyed. According to Lynd's written complaint (See Attachment 2), Capt. Caldwell, the IOPPD evidence custodian at the time of the incident, mishandled the skies by improperly allowing them to be destroyed when she failed to follow proper procedures and failed to give him proper notification of their impending destruction. Lynd further alleged since the destruction of the skies, Capt. Caldwell falsified reports to cover up her actions. Capt. Ryan Neill of SLED assigned Special Agent (S/A) Teresa Beacham to conduct the investigation.

Summary

On December 5, 2012, S/A Beacham conducted an interview with Capt. Dawn Caldwell, IOPPD. Capt. Caldwell provided a voluntary written statement (Attachment 3) relating the following information: In June 2004, she was a Corporal and the Evidence Custodian at IOPPD. On June 1, 2004, Sergeant (Sgt.) John Riley, IOPPD (retired), advised her he had taken possession of the jet skies. He further advised he had spoken with Detective (Det.) Earnest Smith of GPD. Sgt. Riley told her Det. Smith would advise Lynd the skies had been dropped off at IOPPD and he needed to pick them up. On June 24, 2004, she called Lynd to remind him he needed to make arrangements to pick up the skies. She advised him the skies were taken into custody for safekeeping only and, as such, would only be held for ninety days. She also advised him of the poor condition of the skies. Lynd told her he was not coming to South Carolina to pick up the skies. On July 21, 2012, she met with an insurance adjustor at IOPPD in regards to the skies. After meeting with the adjustor, she again called Lynd to remind him he needed to make arrangements to pick them up. Lynd again stated he was not coming to pick up the skies. He further advised he was under investigation by GPD, claiming he was being falsely accused of insurance fraud. He stated it would be up to GPD to pick up the skies and he told her, "You can do whatever you want to with them. I'm not coming." On July 23, 2004, she mailed Lynd a

letter advising him he had ninety days to pick up the skies. On August 20, 2004, she mailed him a second letter advising him he had sixty days to pick them up. On October 28, 2004, she mailed him a third and final letter advising him he had thirty days to pick them up. She then met with her supervisor and advised him of Lynd's failure to respond to her attempts to get him to pick up the skies. She was advised to dispose of the skies per policy should he fail to respond to the final notice. On November 28, 2004, East Cooper Salvage responded to IOPPD. The skies were signed over to them via IOPPD Property Release Form (See Attachment 2) for destruction. On June 5, 2012, IOPPD received a request from Lynd for a copy of the incident report relating to the skies. Sometime, shortly thereafter, she called Lynd to let him know a copy of the report had been mailed. During the conversation, she inquired about the insurance company information on the skies. She had neglected to get the information from the adjuster back on July 21, 2004 and wanted to document the information on the report. As soon as she mentioned the insurance company, Lynd's demeanor changed. He accused her of trying to obtain information on behalf of GPD for the insurance fraud investigation against him. She has not attempted to cover up any of her actions regarding the handling of the jet skies and did not falsify any documents relating to them.

Upon review of this investigation by Capt. Neill, S/A Beacham has been directed to administratively close this investigation.

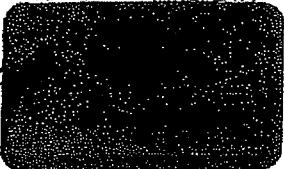

S/A Teresa J. Beacham



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3. Sgt John Riley?

4. This was proven
false.
Det. Smith?

May 23, 2014

Mr. David Scott Lynd
2605 Rustown Drive
Mesquite, Texas 75150

Dear Mr. Lynd:

Pursuant to your request dated April 17, 2014, an inquiry was conducted by the Office of the Crime Victims' Ombudsman regarding your complaint. The following is a summary of my results.

On April 28, 2014, a letter was sent to Chief of Police Thomas E. Buckhannon, Isle of Palms Police Department, requesting additional information regarding this case.

On May 20, 2014, Chief Buckhannon responded via a letter from Isle of Palms legal counsel, Timothy A. Domin, Esquire, Clawson and Staubes, LLC. The letter addressed your concerns as follows:

- 1) In evaluating this case it was determined that Mr. Norbert L. Hall surrendered the jet skis to the Isle of Palms Police Department on June 1, 2004.
- 2) An incident report from June 1 written by Officer Phillip Muckelvaney determined that Mr. Hall had purchased the jet skis from you. Detective Earnest Smith from the Garland Police Department in Garland, Texas corroborated this information.
- 3) On June 2, 2004, Sgt. John Riley contacted the Garland Police Department and spoke to Det. Smith, who stated that he would notify you on the whereabouts of the two jet skis and would coordinate their retrieval with Detective Corporal Dawn Caldwell. The two jet skis and trailer were taken into custody and placed into Public Works.
- 4) On June 24, 2004, you were advised by Det. Smith about the whereabouts of the jet skis and that arrangements needed to be made to have them picked up. He advised you of their poor condition. Det. Smith noted that you said you were not coming to South Carolina to pick them up. Since there was no evidence in the NCIC data bank of the jet skis being stolen, there was no arrest made against Mr. Hall for being in

OFFICE OF THE CRIME VICTIMS' OMBUDSMAN
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COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29201
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POLICY AND PROGRAMS

possession of stolen property. The property would be held for 90 days as prescribed by Isle of Palms policy and procedures (P&P). After that, they would be disposed of as abandoned property.

- 5) On or about July 21, 2004, your Insurance Adjuster met with Det. Smith to reaffirm the poor condition of the property and whether or not the claim was going to be paid.
- 6) On July 23, 2004 a letter was sent to you about the 90 day P&P, and requested you come collect the property.
- 7) On August 20, 2004, a 2nd letter was sent to you requesting you pick up the property.
- 8) On October 28, 2004 a 3rd and final letter was sent to you requesting you pick up the property.
- 9) On November 28, 2004, Isle of Palms Police Department authorized the release of the property to East Cooper Salvage c/o Goe Turley 1343 Deepwater Dr. Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464; phone number (843) 860-7553. The jet skis were destroyed.

Given these facts, this Office does not find evidence of misconduct by the Isle of Palms Police Department. The Office of the Crime Victims' Ombudsman has found this complaint to be unfounded. Please be advised no further activity is warranted in this case and it will be closed.

Sincerely,

Alexander Wilson
Program Assistant

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

FORM 4

JUDGMENT IN A CIVIL CASE

CASE NO. 2015 CP-10-2824

David Scot Lynd,

Isle of Palms; Dawn Caldwell Individually and in her
 capacity as an officer of the Isle of Palms Police

Department, and South Carolina Law Enforcement
 Division

PLAINTIFF(S)

DEFENDANT(S)

Submitted by:

Attorney for: Plaintiff Defendant
 or
 Self-Represented Litigant

DISPOSITION TYPE (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. 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):
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IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED: See attached order (formal order to follow) Statement of Judgment by the Court; Defendant South Carolina Law Enforcement Division's Motion for Summary Judgment filed March 7, 2016 is granted.

ORDER INFORMATION

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 Additional Information for the Clerk :

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 Circuit Court Judge

2161
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May 10, 2016
 Date

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF CHARLESTON

DAVID SCOT LYND,

Plaintiff,

v.

ISLE OF PALMS; DAWN CALDWELL,
INDIVIDUALLY AND IN HER
CAPACITY AS AN OFFICER OF THE
ISLE OF PALMS POLICE DEPARTMENT
AND SOUTH CAROLINA LAW
ENFORCEMENT DIVISION,

Defendants.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE
NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

CASE NO.: 2015-CP-10-2824

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CLERK OF COURT
BY _____
ORDER

THIS MATTER COMES BEFORE THE COURT upon Defendant South Carolina Law Enforcement Division's Motion for Summary Judgment filed March 7, 2016.

The Court hereby **GRANTS** Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment.

Factual Background

Plaintiff filed a complaint on May 18, 2015, asserting that Defendants' acts and omissions resulted in the loss of two jet skis which the Isle of Palms took possession of in 2004. Plaintiff contends he was not provided with proper notice to take the jet skis, and the destruction or disposition of the jet skis was improper and resulted in damages to Plaintiff. Plaintiff alleges he requested and obtained records relating to the alleged destruction of the jet skis in 2012. As to Defendant South Carolina Law Enforcement Division ("SLED"), Plaintiff's Complaint alleges SLED did not notify him of their investigation into Plaintiff's claims, failed to interview him, and

did not notify him when the investigation was closed. Following Plaintiff's receipt of the requested records, Plaintiff notified the Chief of Police of the Isle of Palms of his concern that the records he received were insufficient or false. The Chief of Police asked Defendant South Carolina Law Enforcement ("SLED") to investigate. SLED began their investigation in October of 2012 and subsequently closed the investigation in April of 2013. Plaintiff's Complaint alleges causes of action for Conversion, Negligence/Gross Negligence, and Civil Conspiracy against SLED.

Law and Analysis

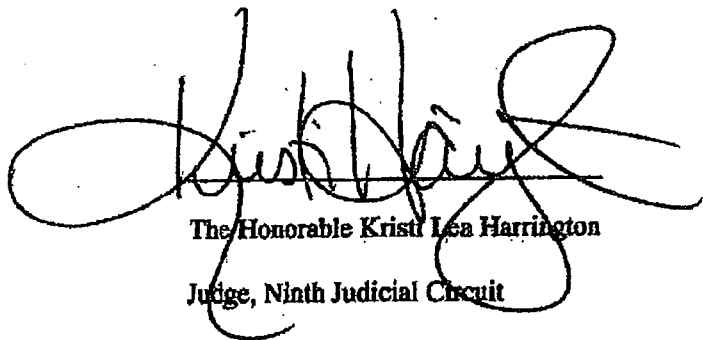
The South Carolina Tort Claims Act, S.C. Code Ann. § 15-78-10, *et seq.*, provides the "exclusive remedy for any tort committed by an employee of a governmental entity." S.C. Code Ann. § 15-78-70(a). The Tort Claims Act imposes a two year statute of limitations, unless a verified claim is filed within one year. S.C. Code Ann. § 15-78-100(a). The statute of limitations begins to run when a cause of action reasonably ought to have been discovered. *Bayle v. South Carolina Department of Transportation*, 344 S.C. 115, 123, 542 S.E.2d 736, 740 (Ct.App. 2001). To determine when the statute begins to run, the court considers whether a person of common knowledge and experience would be put on notice of the potential existence of a claim, based on the circumstances of the case. *Young v. South Carolina Department of Corrections*, 333 S.C. 714, 719, 511 S.E.2d 413, 416 (Ct.App. 1999).

This Court finds Plaintiff was notified by certified letter sent in April of 2013 that SLED had been contacted, conducted an investigation, and had closed the investigation. Plaintiff acknowledged receipt of this letter in an e-mail dated May 16, 2013, in which he stated he had contacted his attorneys and was aware of potential claims he could raise. As a governmental agency, the claims brought against SLED must be filed pursuant to the Tort Claims Act and its

statute of limitations. No verified claim was filed in this case within one year, thus the two year statute applies. The statute of limitations begins to run when a person of common knowledge and experience is on notice of the existence of a potential claim. This Court further finds that based on the circumstances, a person of common knowledge would be put on notice of any potential claims against SLED arising from the factual allegations asserted by Plaintiff when Plaintiff received the letter in April of 2013. Moreover, Plaintiff confirmed his receipt of the letter and stated his belief that a cause of action existed on May 16, 2013. Plaintiff's claims against Defendant SLED were untimely filed on May 18, 2015, after the expiration of the two-year statute of limitations.

Based on the above, it is therefore,

ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant South Carolina Law Enforcement Division's Motion for Summary Judgment is hereby **GRANTED**.



The Honorable Kristi Lea Harrington
Judge, Ninth Judicial Circuit

May 11, 2016
Charleston, South Carolina

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

JUDGMENT IN A CIVIL CASE

CASE NO. 2015 CP-10-2824

David Scott Lynd,

Isle of Palms; Dawn Caldwell individually and in her capacity as an officer of the Isle of Palms Police

Department, and South Carolina Law Enforcement Division

PLAINTIFF(S)

DEFENDANT(S)

Submitted by:	Attorney for : <input type="checkbox"/> Plaintiff <input type="checkbox"/> Defendant
	or <input type="checkbox"/> Self-Represented Litigant

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IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED: See attached order (formal order to follow) Statement of Judgment by the Court; Defendant Dawn Caldwell's Motion for Summary Judgment filed March 3, 2016 is granted.

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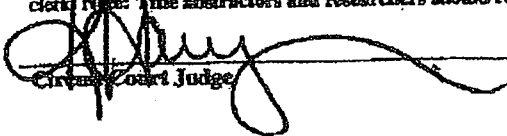
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DAVID SCOT LYND,

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ORDER

JULIE J. ARMSTRONG
CLERK OF COURT

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THIS MATTER COMES BEFORE THE COURT upon Defendant Dawn Caldwell's
Motion for Summary Judgment filed March 3, 2016.

The Court hereby GRANTS Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment.

Factual Background

Plaintiff filed a complaint on May 18, 2015, asserting that Defendants' acts and omissions resulted in the loss of two jet skis which the Isle of Palms took possession of in 2004. Plaintiff contends he was not provided with proper notice to take the jet skis, and the destruction or disposition of the jet skis was improper and resulted in damages to Plaintiff. Plaintiff alleges he requested and obtained records relating to the alleged destruction of the jet skis in 2012. As to Defendant Dawn Caldwell, Plaintiff alleges Defendant Caldwell made threats to prevent him from pursuing this matter and that false information was entered into the reports to discredit and injure his reputation.

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Law and Analysis

The South Carolina Tort Claims Act, S.C. Code Ann. § 15-78-70(a), states in pertinent part: "An employee of a governmental entity who commits a tort while acting within the scope of his official duty is not liable therefor except as expressly provided for in subsection (b)." Subsection (b) provides that government employees acting outside of the scope of official duty or engaging in conduct constituting actual fraud, malice, intent to harm, or a crime involving moral turpitude shall not receive immunity under the statute.

The Tort Claims Act provides a two year statute of limitations, unless a verified claim is filed within one year. S.C. Code Ann. § 15-78-100(a). The statute of limitations begins to run when a cause of action reasonably ought to have been discovered. *Bayle v. South Carolina Department of Transportation*, 344 S.C. 115, 123, 542 S.E.2d 736, 740 (Cl.App. 2001). To determine when the statute begins to run, the court considers whether a person of common knowledge and experience would be put on notice of the potential existence of a claim, based on the circumstances of the case. *Young v. South Carolina Department of Corrections*, 333 S.C. 714, 719, 511 S.E.2d 413, 416 (Cl.App. 1999). The two-year statute of limitations also applies to claims brought against government employees not receiving immunity under the statute. See *Flateau v. Harrison*, 355 S.C. 197, 208, 584 S.E.2d 413, 419 (Cl.App. 2003).

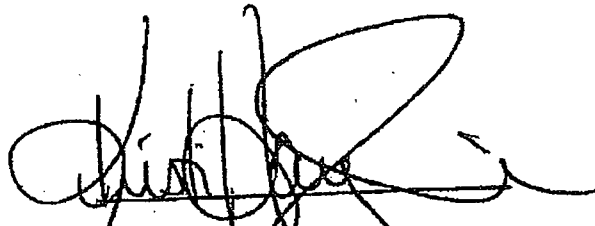
The statute of limitations imposed by the Tort Claims Act applies to Plaintiff's claims against Defendant Caldwell whether asserted against her individually or in her capacity as an officer of the Isle of Palms Police Department. No verified claim was filed in this case within one year, and thus, the two year statute applies. This Court finds the general facts giving rise to the claims asserted by Plaintiff are the same issues and facts raised in e-mails to the Chief of Police of Isle of Palms, sent by Plaintiff in September of 2012. Within these e-mails, Plaintiff

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asserts he has contacted his attorneys, and he further states he has been informed him that Defendants' actions demonstrate a threat of false prosecution. The statute of limitations begins to run when a person of common knowledge and experience is on notice of the existence of a potential claim. This Court finds that based on the circumstances and Plaintiff's e-mails, a person of common knowledge would be put on notice of any potential claims against Defendant Caldwell as of September 2012. Moreover, Plaintiff states in his e-mails that he believes a cause of action exists in September of 2012, and thus the statute of limitations began to run at this time. Plaintiff's claims against Defendant Caldwell individually or within her official capacity were untimely filed on May 18, 2015, after the expiration of the statute of limitations.

Based on the above, it is therefore,

ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant Dawn Caldwell's Motion for Summary Judgment is hereby **GRANTED**.



The Honorable Kristi Lea Narrington
Judge, Ninth Judicial Circuit

May 11, 2016
Charleston, South Carolina

Exhibit D

David Scot Lynd v. Isle of Palms, et al.
Appellate Case No. 2016-002024
Case No. 15-CP-10-2824

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

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David Scot Lynd,

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PLAINTIFF(S)

South Carolina Law Enforcement Division
DEFENDANT(S)

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IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED: See attached order (formal order to follow) Statement of Judgment by the Court: The Plaintiffs' Motion for Relief from Orders Granting Summary Judgment to Defendants South Carolina Law Enforcement and Dawn Caldwell is denied as untimely filed.

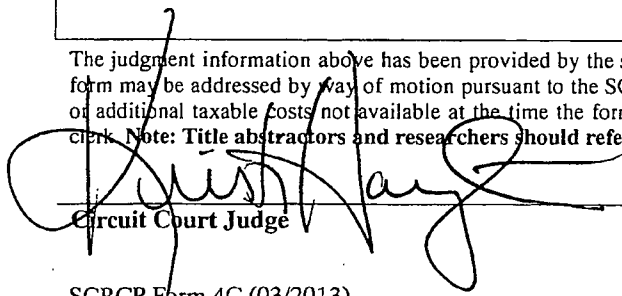
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Exhibit E

David Scot Lynd v. Isle of Palms, et al.
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SECTION I: Hearing Information

Nature of Motion: Notice of Motion & Motion to Reconsider

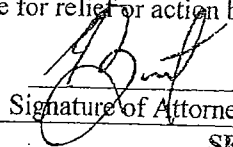
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SECTION II: Motion/Order Type

Written motion attached

Form Motion/Order

I hereby move for relief or action by the court as set forth in the attached proposed order.


Signature of Attorney for Plaintiff / Defendant

October 12, 2011

Date admitted

SECTION III: Motion Fee

PAID - AMOUNT: \$25.00

EXEMPT:

(check reason)

- Rule to Show Cause in Child or Spousal Support
- Domestic Abuse or Abuse and Neglect
- Indigent Status State Agency v. Indigent Party
- Sexually Violent Predator Act Post-Conviction Relief
- Motion for Stay in Bankruptcy
- Motion for Publication Motion for Execution (Rule 69, SCRCP)
- Proposed order submitted at request of the court; or,
reduced to writing from motion made in open court per judge's instructions

Name of Court Reporter:

Other:

JUDGE'S SECTION

Motion Fee to be paid upon filing of the attached order.

Other:

JUDGE _____

CODE: _____

Date: _____

CLERK'S VERIFICATION

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4. The Order granting summary judgment bases its reasoning on the following statements Plaintiff made in an email to Chief Buckhannon: **Lynd questioned any purported SLED investigation and stated "I have contacted a dozen or so Charleston attorneys ... They pretty much all say the same thing that it is a very easy case to win... Be sure you inform the City Council, I tried to handle this without a suit, you choose to have one and threaten and attempt to intimidate me."**

5. The entire email is attached hereto as Exhibit A. In it, Mr. Lynd states: "At no time did you tell me of an investigation by this SLED agency. If so I would have fwd to them the proof I have found... I have contacted Sled and the[y] can find no record of an investigation under my name, Det. Caldwell's, yours, or the Jet ski hull I.D. Numbers. So please provide the documentation of this investigation, and findings... In my own discussions with them starting my own inquiry, I was informed I would have been contacted if one had taken place... Please fwd to me this investigation record and findings you claim to have..."

6. In the present case, Mr. Lynd began digging into the facts surrounding the disappearance of his personal property by filing a FOIA Request with the Isle of Palms Police Department in late 2012. Contained within that file were numerous discrepancies, including, but not limited to, additions from some eight years after the incident, unsupported claims that the property had been abandoned, declared a total loss, and destroyed.

7. Upon receiving this information, Mr. Lynd went about contacting Chief Buckhannon, who, without Mr. Lynd's knowledge, referred the investigation to SLED. He one from Isle of Palms nor SLED ever informed Mr. Lynd that a SLED investigation was on going.

8. The first mention to Mr. Lynd about this SLED investigation occurred on April 26, 2013, wherein Chief Buckhannon informed Mr. Lynd he had turned over the investigation to SLED, and that they had conducted a three month investigation into the matter, found no wrongdoing, and closed the case. In this letter, Chief Buckhannon makes mention of sharing the results of the investigation with the elected and appointed administration of the City, and further states that it is not expected that there will be any further communication regarding this investigation.

9. Chief Buckhannon, while admitting that he shared the results of the investigation with others, refused to provide Mr. Lynd with the results of the investigation outside of stating there was no wrongdoing.

10. As Mr. Lynd's email in response to this letter dated May 16, 2013 makes clear, Mr. Lynd contacted SLED and was informed at that time that no investigation regarding this matter had occurred, if one had been conducted, he would have been contacted, and further requested that since Isle of Palms had the results of the investigation, that they kindly forward to him for review.

11. As of May 16, 2013, Mr. Lynd did possess knowledge of an injury (the loss of his jet skis). However, Mr. Lynd, was not on notice of the specific facts constituting a cause of action against Isle of Palms, or any other Defendants, at this time. The Isle of Palms asserts that Mr. Lynd abandoned the property, and that they complied with the notice requirements before disposing of said allegedly abandoned property by way of destruction. Mr. Lynd would have gladly welcomed an investigation by SLED officers, and would have cooperated to the fullest extent, had he been apprised of the same.

12. As stated above, Mr. Lynd contacted SLED and requested information regarding the investigation, and was initially told that no such investigation had taken place. He did not officially receive a copy of the SLED investigation until late 2013.

13. Upon receiving a copy of the SLED investigation, Mr. Lynd learned that SLED did not in fact administratively close their investigation on or before April 26, 2013, as Chief Buckhannon states in his certified letter to Plaintiff. The SLED letter to Isle of Palms is dated **August 5, 2013**.

14. Furthermore, the SLED investigation appears to take Defendant Caldwell's word verbatim, despite her providing a voluntary written statement contradicting SLED's findings. It must be noted again that Mr. Lynd was never contacted during the pendency of this investigation to verify the information being provided, including most notably, the existence of an insurance adjuster that assessed the property as a total loss, or the alleged letters that were not sent via certified mail, and to a dubiously wrong address.

15. South Carolina Code Ann. § 15-78-110 provides a two year statute of limitations for claims against State Agencies. Under the discovery rule, the statute of limitations begins to run from the date the injured party either knows or should know, by the exercise of reasonable diligence, that a cause of action exists for the wrongful conduct. *Dean v. Ruscan Corp.*, 327 S.C. 360, 468 S.E.2d 645 (1996); S.C.Code Ann. § 15-3-535(Supp.2004). *See also Berry v McLeod*, 328 S.C. 435, 492 S.E.2d 794 (Ct.App.1997).

16. Under § 15-3-535, the statute of limitations is triggered not merely by knowledge of an injury but by knowledge of facts, diligently acquired, sufficient to put an injured person on notice of the existence of a cause of action against another. *True v. Monroeth*, 327 S.C. 116, 120,

489 S.E.2d 615, 617 (1997). The limitations period is intended to run against those who are neglectful of their rights and who fail to exercise reasonable diligence in enforcing their rights; however, it is not the policy of the law to unjustly deprive an injured person of a remedy. *Moriarty v. Garden Sanctuary Church of God*, 341 S.C. 320, 534 S.E.2d 672 (2000).

17. At the hearing on Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment, counsel for Defendant Isle of Palms conveniently read into the record mere portions of the attached email wherein Plaintiff angrily responds to Chief Buckhannon's short and avoidant investigation.

18. This case involves allegations of fraud and a civil conspiracy against the above-named Defendants. Defendant IOP surreptitiously turned over the investigation to SLED without informing the aggrieved party so that he may cooperate in the investigation, and SLED's early denials of the existence of the same lend further credence to a cover up.

19. If this Court were to allow the granting of summary judgment to stand, it would be a tacit approval of Isle of Palms' deceitful conduct, including, but not limited to, supplementing an eight (8) year old police file, failing to run VIN numbers on titled property, failing to provide any notice, much less notice by certified mail, that they were in possession of Plaintiff's property, fabricating an insurance adjuster's existence and report of total loss to the property, as well as destruction documents.

WHEREFORE PLAINTIFF DAVID SCOT LYND respectfully moves this Court to reconsider its opinion and order in this regard and to modify the order to reflect the denial of Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment.

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Respectfully submitted,

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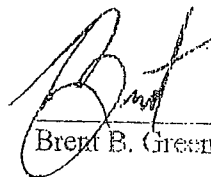
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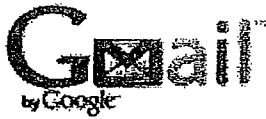
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I was about to write the Judge's law clerk to say I had not seen any order, but looked online and it was signed and filed last week. Because I didn't get a notice that it had been filed, I figured I would send a copy to all counsel in the case.

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF CHARLESTON

David Scot Lynd,

Plaintiff,

vs.

ISLE OF PALMS, DAWN CALDWELL,
individually and in her capacity as an
officer of the Isle of Palm Police
Department, and SOUTH CAROLINA LAW
ENFORCEMENT DIVISION,

Defendants.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
FOR THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

CASE NO.: 2015-CP-10-2324

ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANT
ISLE OF PALMS'
MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT

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NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

This matter came before the Court on September 2, 2015 on Defendant Isle of Palms' motion for summary judgment on the grounds of the statute of limitations. This action against the Isle of Palms is governed by the South Carolina Tort Claims Act, S.C. Code § 15-78-10 *et seq.* All torts committed by a government employee while acting within the scope of an employee's official duties must be brought against the government entity. S.C. Code § 15-78-200. The Tort Claims Act provides a two year statute of limitations, unless a verified claim is filed within one year. S.C. Code § 15-78-110. No verified claim was filed in this case within one year, thus a two year statute applies. "[T]he statute of limitations begins to run when a person of common knowledge and experience would be on notice a claim might exist, not when the plaintiff discovers a witness to support or prove the case." Bayle v. SC DOT, 344 S.C. 115, 542 S.E. 2d 736 (Ct. App. 2001).

In the present case, Mr. Lynd asserts that Defendants acts and omissions resulted in the loss of two jet skis which the Isle of Palms took into its possession in

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2004. Lynd contends he was not provided with proper notice to pick up the jet skis and the destruction or disposition of the jet skis was improper and resulted in a loss to him. He alleges he made a request for records in 2012 and obtained records relating to their alleged destruction. He also alleges police officer Dawn Caldwell made threats to intimidate him from pursuing any matter related to the jet skis. He further alleges false information was put into reports to discredit him and injure his reputation. Mr. Lynd's Complaint was originally filed May 18, 2015. It named the Isle of Palms Police Department instead of the Isle of Palms. The Plaintiff amended his Complaint June 10, 2015 to name the Isle of Palms.

However, the general facts Lynd alleges in his Complaint are the same issues and are based on the same operative facts he raised in e-mails to the Chief of Police of Isle of Palms more than two years prior. In September 2012, Lynd wrote:

"Lynd's Jet skis and Trailer were purportedly destroyed incorrectly, and without supporting documentation, or any form of notice and documentation to Lynd on their destruction as the law requires. . . . Lynd's rights were ignored, and Lynd's property was destroyed at a great loss to Lynd, without his consent or knowledge." (p. 4)

"I must have run across something that was not handled correctly, I recorded detective Caldwell's voice mail and played it for my attorneys, all of which say that it is clear threat of false and manufactured prosecution." (p. 1)

"The supplemental report dated 6-6-12 is not even close to accurate. . .

1. Nobody contacted Lynd that the skies had been dropped off . . . 2.

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The insurance fraud charged is an attempt to try to discredit Lynd . . ."

(p. 2)

The Isle of Palms turned Lynd's September 2012 e-mail over to SLED for investigation which ultimately found no evidence of wrongdoing. The Isle of Palms mailed Lynd a letter notifying Lynd that SLED had completed an investigation that no wrongdoing had been found, and the Isle of Palms considered the matter closed. Lynd wrote back to the Chief of Police on May 16th. Lynd questioned any purpose for SLED investigation and stated: "I have contacted a dozen or so Charleston attorneys . . . They pretty much all say the same thing that it is a very easy case to win . . . Because you inform the City Council, I tried to handle this without a suit, you choose to have one, and threaten and attempt to intimidate me."

It is clear based on the e-mails of Mr. Lynd that he not only had sufficient information to be on notice a claim might exist before May 18, 2013; he threatened to bring suit for these very matters more than two years before the lawsuit was filed.

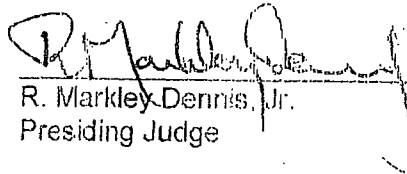
For the reasons stated, the motion for summary judgment of the Isle of Palms on the issue of the statute of limitations is granted.

Furthermore, the Tort Claims Act provides that if an employee is acting within the scope of his or her official duties, the action can only be brought against the government entity. Thus, as to any claims against Dawn Caldwell, co-defendant, those acts or omissions within the scope of her official duties can only be brought against the Isle of Palms and those claims are time-barred and dismissed.

However, reading the Complaint liberally, it is also alleged in the Complaint that Caldwell acted for her own benefit with respect to converting the jet skis to her own use

and allegedly trying to cover this conversion with false police reports and/or threats. If any of those allegations could be proven, they would be outside the scope of her official duties per the affidavit of the Chief of Police. Any claims outside the scope of Caldwell's official duties can be brought against her individually. Thus, it is not proper to dismiss Dawn Caldwell at this time (and no motion has been filed at this time), but it is proper to dismiss as time-barred those claims within the scope of her official duties which must be brought against the Isle of Palms. Plaintiff may proceed against Caldwell only as to claims that are outside the scope of her official duties.

No motion was filed and I have not made any ruling with respect the statute of limitations as to any claims against the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) or Dawn Caldwell individually for allegations of conduct outside the scope of her official duties.


R. Markley Dennis, Jr.
Presiding Judge

Charleston, South Carolina
September 28, 2015

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April 26, 2013

David Scot Lynd
2605 Rustown Drive
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Dear Mr. Lynd,

Upon receiving your complaint containing allegations of misconduct against Captain Dawn Caldwell regarding the improper disposal of personal watercrafts delivered to the Isle of Palms Police Department in 2004, an inquiry into the matter was initiated.

All documentation, including your complaint was forwarded to the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED). As an independent agency, inquiry into incidents involving Law Enforcement Officers falls within their purview, as a matter of course.

After a three month investigation into the matter, no wrongdoing was found, and the case is now closed. The allegations and results of the investigation have been shared with the elected and appointed administration of the City. It is not expected that there will be any further communication regarding this investigation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas E. Buckhannon III".

Thomas E. Buckhannon, III
Chief of Police

Tim Domin

From: Linda Tucker <ltucker@iop.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 01, 2015 12:58 PM
To: Tim Domin
Subject: certified letter

From: david scot [<mailto:dvdscot@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2013 5:20 PM
To: chiefbuckhannon@iopd.net
Cc: barbarabergwerf@gmail.com; sandystone@islandrealty.com; bettelli@bellsouth.net; mloftus@comcast.net; dick4972@aol.com; crabpotplayer@aol.com; jimmy@jimmycarroll.com; datmrt@aol.com; buckhannon@iopd.net; ltucker@iop.net
Subject: certified letter

Sir

I received your certified letter no 70101670 0001 1858 8526, dated 4-26-13.

At no time did you tell me of an investigation by this SLED agency. If so I would have had to have the new proof I have found. This is the 1st mention of it, and your letter claims it has been a 3 month investigation. Hmmm,,strange.

I have contacted Sled and they can find no record of an investigation under my name, Det. Caldwell's, yours, or the Jet ski hull I.D. Numbers. So please provide the documentation of this investigation, and findings.

Seems odd that a three month long investigation took place, and they never contacted me, by mail, phone, e-mail, etc. not a single inquiry. In my own discussions with them of starting my own inquiry, I was informed I would have been contacted if one had taken place. So I am glad you sent that by certified mail, stating it did.

No investigation could have taken place with the facts as they are, and clear wrong doing not been found. Unless,,,,, the facts they were given are some how different now, as the file showed someone attempted to add stuff to it years later and modify it, and that is without dispute.

I tried to resolve this with you amicably, but have been threatened, intimidated, and lied too.

I have contacted a dozen or so Charleston attorneys, that my attorneys gave me information on. Some with ongoing suits against IOP, others past suits, and a few large firms that have offices both here and in Charleston. They pretty much all say the same thing that it is a very easy case to win, covering both the value of the skies at the time, the interest, loss of use, and years of rental fees to IOP. I guess ya'll didn't think we would discover that last one.

Be sure you inform the City council, I tried to handle this without a suit, you choose to have one. Don't threaten, and attempt to intimidate me.

Please fwd to me this **investigation record and findings** you claim to have, as well as the letter to the **TP&W dept, letter you sent**, so they can be "matched up" to what we already have. Thank you

David Lynd

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SC Court of Appeals

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RE: David Scot Lynd v. Isle of Palms, Dawn Caldwell, Individually and in her capacity as an officer of the Isle of Palms Police Department, and South Carolina Law Enforcement Division, Appellate Case No. 2016-002024

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Please find enclosed for filing the original and seven copies of Appellee South Carolina Law Enforcement Division's Exhibits A-E, which were inadvertently not included with the *Motion to Dismiss Appeal as to the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division, or in the Alternative, Motion For Extension Of Time To File Respondent's Brief and Proof of Service*, which were sent under cover letter dated October 25, 2017. If you would, please file these exhibits with our previously filed Motion and return one file-stamped copy to me in the enclosed pre-paid self-addressed envelope.

I apologize for any confusion. Please contact me if you have any questions. Thank you and with kind regards, I am,

Sincerely,

Christopher T. Dorsel

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Enclosure

cc: (via first class mail, with enclosures)
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David Leon Morrison, Esquire

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