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| STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA) | IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS |
| COUNTY OF AIKEN) | SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT |
| IN THE MATTER OF THE CARE) | CASE NO. 2013-CP-02-01005 |
| AND TREATMENT OF) | ORDER OF CONTINUED COMMITMENT |
| RICHARD RIDLEY,) | |
| PETITIONER.) | |


The trial of this case was held in the County of Aiken in the Court of Common Pleas the week of February 26, 2018. A jury of citizens from Aiken County heard this case pursuant to a request for a jury trial filed by the State. Assistant Attorney Christopher A. Morrow represented the State. A. Bea Hightower, Esquire, represented the Petitioner. The jury having heard the presentation of the evidence made the following findings of fact pursuant to South Carolina Code Sections 44-48-10 through 44-48-110:

The State has proven beyond a reasonable doubt that Petitioner's mental abnormality or personality disorder remains such that he is not safe to be at large and, if released, is likely to engage in acts of sexual violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

Petitioner Richard Ridley is to remain committed to the Department of Mental Health for his long-term control, care and treatment.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.



 DOYET A. EARLY III
 Circuit Court Judge
 Second Judicial Circuit
 Court of Common Pleas

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