

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE SUPREME COURT

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S.C. SUPREME COURT

Appeal from Richland County  
Honorable Judge Jocelyn Newman

No. 2021-CP-40-02306

FREDDIE EUGENE OWENS and BRAD KEITH SIGMON,..... *Appellants,*

v.

BRYAN P. STIRLING, SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF  
CORRECTIONS, and HENRY McMASTER,..... *Respondents.*

**NOTICE OF APPEAL**

Freddie Eugene Owens and Brad Keith Sigmon appeal the order of the Honorable Judge Jocelyn Newman, filed June 8, 2021, denying their motion for a preliminary injunction. Appellant received written notification of entry of the Form IV order on June 8, 2021. This Notice of Appeal is filed pursuant to Rule 203(d)(1)(A)(ii), SCACR, and S.C. Code Ann. Section 14-3-330(4).

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Freddie Eugene Owens et al  
PLAINTIFF(S)

Bryan P Stirling et al  
DEFENDANT(S)

**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.
- 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
- STAYED DUE TO BANKRUPTCY**
- 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:

On June 7, 2021, the Court heard oral arguments on Plaintiffs' "Motion for a Preliminary Injunction and Expedited Discovery and Hearing," which was filed on May 17, 2021.

Having fully considered both the written and oral arguments of the parties, the Court DENIES Plaintiffs' motion and DECLINES to enjoin Defendants from taking action pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §24-3-530, as amended in 2021. The Court finds that Plaintiffs have little likelihood of success on the merits of their claim; therefore, injunctive relief cannot be granted.

A formal, more detailed written Order is forthcoming.

**ORDER INFORMATION**

This order  ends  does not end the case.  See Page 2 for additional information.

**For Clerk of Court Office Use Only**

This judgment was electronically entered by the Clerk of Court as reflected on the Electronic Time Stamp, and a copy mailed first class to any party not proceeding in the Electronic Filing System on 06/08/2021 .

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**Court Reporter:**

**E-Filing Note:** The date of Entry of Judgment is the same date as reflected on the Electronic File Stamp and the clerk's entering of the date of judgment above is not required in those counties. The clerk will mail a copy of the judgment to parties who are not E-Filers or who are appearing pro se. See Rule 77(d), SCRCP.

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et al  
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So Ordered

Jocelyn Newman