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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
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 ) COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
COUNTY OF CHESTER )

TANYA MURPHY, AS THE NATURAL MOTHER )  
AND LEGAL GUARDIAN OF MINOR, A.R., )  
 )  
PLAINTIFFS, )  
 )  
vs. )  
 )  
CHESTER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, SOUTH )  
CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, )  
DEFENDER SERVICES, INC., STEVE M. )  
BRIGHT, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS AGENT OF )  
DEFENDER SERVICES, INC., CHESTER COUNTY, )  
AND CHESTER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, )  
 )  
DEFENDANTS. )

TRANSCRIPT  
OF  
RECORD  
  
2017-CP-12-79

June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Chester, South Carolina

B E F O R E :

THE HONORABLE EUGENE C. GRIFFITH, JR., Judge.

A P P E A R A N C E S :

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Attorney for the Plaintiff

EDWARD SCOTT WINBURN  
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Attorney for the Defendant Chester County School  
District

ADAM JESSE HEGLER  
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Attorney for the Defendants Defender Services,  
Inc. and Steve Bright

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(WHEREUPON, there were no exhibits marked or testimony taken during this hearing.)

## 1 P R O C E E D I N G S

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3 THE COURT: All right. We've come together today to --  
4 I got a note from the attorneys in their civil case that's  
5 been pending for a while that's been resolved. And so I  
6 thought it'd be better to put the, the matter on the record  
7 that it's now being -- been resolved.

8 Mr. Hayes, you're new to the case but welcome.

9 MR. HAYES: Yes, sir.

10 THE COURT: Will you, since you're representing the  
11 Plaintiff, give a brief statement?

12 MR. HAYES: Certainly, Your Honor.

13 THE COURT: We got it resolved and then I'm -- I think  
14 I'm getting the defense to prepare a proposed order to put  
15 in the file.

16 MR. HAYES: Thank you, Your Honor.

17 We represent Mr. Artavius Rice and he is an assistant  
18 here with me today. He was involved in an altercation on  
19 April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016, at school where the -- where his arm  
20 basically was taken apart or separated and used force that  
21 caused his left arm to be broken. He incurred about  
22 \$14,198.00 in medical bills.

23 We have resolved the claim against the School District  
24 and others for \$65,000, and were -- we are -- and the  
25 mother, who was -- who brought the initial case, the money's

1 been given to the son now that he's over 18, she was  
2 notified of the hearing today and chose not to be present,  
3 and she -- and we have the, the proposed distribution  
4 with -- if, if you need that and -- Your Honor. But we just  
5 mainly wanting to, since this has been a pending case, get  
6 it on the record that we settled it. The mother was  
7 notified and that certainly my client is in agreement with  
8 the settlement.

9 THE COURT: Very well.

10 Anything from the defense?

11 MR. HEGLER: Adam Hegler on behalf of Defender Services  
12 and Steve Bright. We just wanted to have this hearing  
13 today, but reflected the -- in settlement and I'll prepare  
14 the Order for Your Honor if you'd like me to. But, you  
15 know, just give me the opportunity to do it and it remained  
16 settled right now. So --.

17 THE COURT: Very well.

18 MR. WINBURN: Yes, sir, Your Honor. Scott Winburn on  
19 behalf of Chester County School District. We agree with  
20 Mr. Hayes's recitation of the facts, and ask for your  
21 approval of this settlement.

22 THE COURT: well, considering y'all've worked hard at  
23 it, and once everybody got together, it seems like things  
24 started moving forward progressively and positively. So, I  
25 appreciate y'all's efforts in getting it resolved, and, sir,

1 I'm, I'm glad you got your case resolved. Even though it  
2 was a little slow coming, we got it done. So, I'm very,  
3 very impressed with the progress and resolution you've  
4 reached.

5 Are you good with it?

6 MR. RICE: Yes, sir.

7 THE COURT: Good deal.

8 All right. Which one of y'all's gonna prepare the  
9 proposed order?

10 MR. HEGLER: I can do it.

11 THE COURT: Very well. Just get it proposed. Simple  
12 is better. Once you get it done, show Mr. Hayes, send it to  
13 my law clerk, and we'll get it signed as promptly as we can.

14 MR. HAYES: Thank you, Your Honor.

15 THE COURT: All right. Thank y'all.

16 MR. HEGLER: Thank you, Your Honor.

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Pamela E. Green, Official Court Reporter for the State of South Carolina, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, accurate and complete Transcript of Record of the proceedings had and evidence introduced in the trial of the captioned case, relative to appeal, in the Court of Common Pleas for Chester County, South Carolina, on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.

I do further certify that I am neither of kin, counsel nor interest to any party hereto.

July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021



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PAMELA E. GREEN, Court Reporter