

# The Supreme Court of South Carolina

John Doe, Plaintiff,

v.

Mark Keel, in his official capacity as Chief of the South  
Carolina State Law Enforcement Division, Defendant.

Appellate Case No. 2022-000388

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## ORDER

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Pursuant to Rule 244, SCACR, the Court will answer the following question certified to this Court by order of the Honorable Mary Geiger Lewis, United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina, Columbia Division:

Does the South Carolina Sex Offender Registry Act (SORA) permit the publication of out-of-state offenders—*i.e.*, individuals with qualifying sexual offenses but who do not live in South Carolina—on the state's public sex offender registry?

The parties shall proceed to serve and file briefs as provided by Rule 244(e), SCACR. The parties are reminded Rule 244, SCACR, does not provide for the filing of initial briefs; therefore, only final briefs should be filed in this matter.

  
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FOR THE COURT C.J.

Columbia, South Carolina  
April 29, 2022

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The Honorable Mary Geiger Lewis