

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF CHARLESTON

IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS  
NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

Plaintiff,

v.

DYLANN S. ROOF,

Defendant.

Docket Number: 2015-GS-10-4123 – Murder  
2015-GS-10-4115 – Murder  
2015-GS-10-4116 – Murder  
2015-GS-10-4117 – Murder  
2015-GS-10-4118 – Murder  
2015-GS-10-4119 – Murder  
2015-GS-10-4120 – Murder  
2015-GS-10-4121 – Murder  
2015-GS-10-4122 – Murder  
2015-GS-10-4124 – Possession  
of a Weapon During the Commission  
of a Violent Crime  
2015-GS-10-4186 – Attempted Murder  
2015-GS-10-4187 – Attempted Murder  
2015-GS-10-4188 – Attempted Murder

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**SUA SPONTE ORDER IMPLEMENTING A TEMPORARY PROTECTION ORDER**

**THIS COURT FINDS THAT** due to substantial pre-trial publicity, the Defendant's right to a fair and impartial trial could be in jeopardy. This Court must act to preserve the Defendant's ability to receive a fair trial and to that end:

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT** until a hearing on the release of materials regarding this prosecution is held, all potential trial participants in these proceedings shall be prohibited from divulging any prejudicial matter or making any extrajudicial statement that has a substantial likelihood of materially prejudicing any adjudicative proceedings, including jury selection, in the above captioned matter. See Rule 3.6(a), S.C. Rules of Professional Conduct. Attorneys for the State and for the Defendant must exercise reasonable care to prevent persons assisting or associated with their litigation teams from making improper extrajudicial statements, even when such persons are not under their direct supervision. This Order shall apply to all solicitors, defense attorneys, court officials, all law enforcement officers involved in the

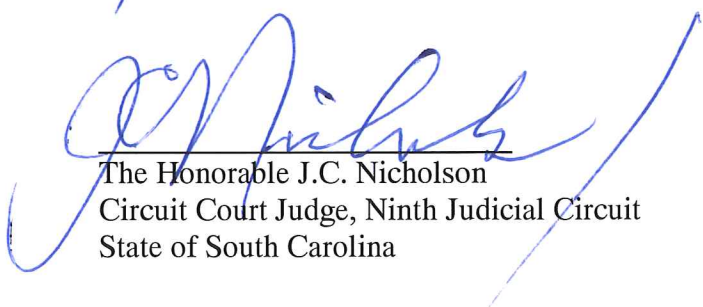
investigation as well as any other members of their respective law enforcement agencies, coroner and all members of her office, the medical examiner and any other persons involved in the investigation or potentially involved in the trial of this matter. This order exempts these matters from disclosure under SC Code 30-4-40.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT** the information which shall not be disseminated shall specifically include but not be limited to any recordings of the 911 calls, the reports of the medical examiner, any reports of the coroner, reports of any forensic examinations, any pathology reports, the investigative reports from this case, statements of any witnesses and any information from the Defendant's medical and/or mental health records.

**IT IS ALSO ORDERED THAT** nothing in this Order shall be construed to limit any rights of the media or the public pursuant to the First Amendment or to limit public access to court proceedings as allowed by Court Order or statute, nor shall it limit (1) prosecutors from making statements that are necessary to inform the public of the nature and extent of the prosecutor's action and that serve a legitimate law enforcement purpose, or (2) prevent a lawyer from making make a statement that a reasonable lawyer would believe is required to protect a client from the substantial undue prejudicial effect of recent publicity not initiated by the lawyer or the lawyer's client, provided that such statement is limited to such information as is necessary to mitigate the recent adverse publicity. Rule 3.6(c), S.C. Rules of Professional Conduct. .

**IT IS ALSO ORDERED THAT** the Court will address this issue further on Thursday, July 16, 2015 at 10:00 AM at the Charleston County Courthouse.

**SO ORDERED** this 10 day July 2015.



The Honorable J.C. Nicholson  
Circuit Court Judge, Ninth Judicial Circuit  
State of South Carolina

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