

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA	)	IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
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COUNTY OF LEXINGTON	)	
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_____ ,	)	Civil Action No.: _____
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Petitioner,	)	
	)	<b>ORDER OF ARREST</b>
v.	)	<b>FOR</b>
	)	<b>CONTEMPT OF COURT</b>
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_____ ,	)	
	)	
Respondents.	)	
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_____	)	

TO THE SHERIFF OF LEXINGTON COUNTY AND ANY DULY AUTHORIZED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:

WHEREAS, by Rule to Show Cause dated \_\_\_\_\_, I ordered the above-named Respondents to appear before me on \_\_\_\_\_, however, said Respondents failed to appear, and;

WHEREAS, by Order of the Court and Notice of Hearing Letter dated \_\_\_\_\_, I ordered said Respondents to appear before me on \_\_\_\_\_, to show cause why they should not be held in Contempt of this Court for failure to appear at the previous Rule to Show Cause hearing and, again, said Respondents failed to appear or furnish the undersigned any just reason for their failure to appear;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the Respondent (s) \_\_\_\_\_ are held in Contempt of Court and the Sheriff of Lexington County and any duly authorized law enforcement officer is hereby required forthwith to arrest the above-named Respondent, \_\_\_\_\_ with the actual arrest of said person shall be made during the week on any Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. in order to eliminate the necessity of retaining the Respondent in confinement without permitting appearance before this court on the same day as arrest., and to bring him to the Lexington County Judicial Center to appear before the Lexington County Master-in-Equity for further proceedings on the findings of Contempt of Court as follows:

1. The arresting agency shall notify the attorney for the Petitioner (\_\_\_\_\_) and this Court (803-785-8291) immediately upon arrest of the Respondent to confirm hearing date and time arresting agency to bring Respondent to Court Room 2-A of the Lexington County Judicial Center. (\*See COVID requirements for building at the bottom of page 3)
2. Petitioner counsel may appear in person or by audio/video conferencing (if available) as allowed by S.C. Court Administration Order(s).
3. At this hearing when Respondent appears in front of the Lexington County Master-In-Equity, a new hearing shall be scheduled directing the Respondent to appear at a later date/time.
4. The Respondent shall also provide this Court and the attorney for the Petitioner with his current home address and mailing address if different from home address.
5. The Respondent shall be informed of the date/time for the new hearing. Thereafter, the Respondent shall be released.
6. An Order entered directing the Respondent to appear before the Court at the scheduled date and time shall be mailed to the address provided by Respondent when he appears in this Court with the Lexington County Sheriff's Deputy.
7. The Respondent may purge himself from Contempt by fully complying with the Rule to Show Cause including, but not limited to, producing all requested financial information in the original Rule to Show Cause in the Respondent's care, custody or control.
8. Should the Respondent fail to appear at the scheduled date and time for the hearing or otherwise fail to produce any of the required financial information without just cause, the Respondent shall remain in Contempt of Court and a new Order of Arrest shall be issued directing that Respondent be jailed until such time that the Court can conduct further proceedings on said Contempt.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

James O. Spence  
Master in Equity

**Judge's Signature page to Follow**

**Information for Sheriff's Department:**

Petitioner's Attorney: \_\_\_\_\_

Attorney Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

And E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Respondent's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Any Additional Location:

**PLEASE CONTACT PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY (contact information above) AND  
THE MASTER IN EQUITY COURT (785-8291) WHEN RESPONDENT IS PICKED UP**

\* Pursuant to South Carolina Supreme Court Administrative Order 2022-02-17-02, protective masks are no longer required in county courthouses; however, any person who is at risk or concerned about the dangers of COVID-19 may continue to wear a mask inside any courthouse, subject to a request from judges, courthouse staff, or law enforcement to briefly remove that mask during the presentation of a case or when necessary for security or identification purposes.

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