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The Honorable Nikki R. Haley,

I am writing this letter to ask for your help. I have been seeking help from the Horry County Police Department but for whatever reason they have not helped me.

For the past 6 years I have been continuously harassed by my sister, Lillie Mae Sawyer. I was appointed, by the courts on September 22, 2014 to be guardian for my mother, who was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in 2009. Lillie has used the Horry County Police and DSS to harass me and my mother. I have not been able to have this harassment stopped. She has trespassed on my property, damaged my property by cutting the lock off my gate and went into my house, all while on a No Trespass issued by Judge Allen. Judge Allen, of the Aynor Magistrates Office, would not issue a restraining but did issue the No Tresspass. Judge Allen told Lillie M. Sawyer and Julia Thompkins that if they entered onto my property again he would have them arrested. After Lillie and Julia entered onto my property, Judge Allen refused to have them arrested. Then I went to Judge Livingston's office and there I was informed after the fourth time to this office that I had to write a letter stating the matter. I did write the letter. But still was unable to see her on this matter.

Judge Allen did take a courtesy warrant on Lillie Sawyer, he then referred the case to Judge Livingston. Judge Allen however never took a warrant out for the one that damaged my property by cutting the lock off with an axe.

When the case was finally brought to trial, the Horry County Police Officer never contacted me before the trial date; he also didn't have Judge Allen's papers where Judge Allen had put them on No Trespass notice. I tried to have the officer ask Lillie and Julia about Judge Allen putting them on No Trespass notice, but he wouldn't ask them. Judge Livingston read a law to the jury stating that a No Trespass Notice was void after six months. Because of this 'law' Lillie was found not guilty. I have never heard of this law nor can I find any where that states this. I have tried to get back in contact with this Police Officer, but he will not return my calls. I feel justice has not been served. I would appreciate if you would investigate this to your fullest ability. I do have documents of all the harassment Lillie and Julia have put me, my family and my elderly mother through and a video of my lock being cut off with an axe. I will be more than willing to send you this information at your request. I have enclosed a copy of the letters I gave to Judge Livingston office.

Please help me. My contact information is listed above.

Sincerely,

Joseph Thompkins

The Honorable Judge Margie B Livingston
Chief Magistrate
Horry County

Dear Honorable Livingston:

As requested, I am submitting a request in writing for your assistance in the matter of helping me secure a warrant for arrest and a restraining order against my sister Lillie M. Sawyer and my Aunt, Julia Thompkins. The arrest warrant would be against my sister for trespassing and also for unlawful entry on my property and a restraining order against both Lillie M. Sawyer and Julia Thompkins for them to no longer come on my property or to see my mother.

For some background, I had to go to court in June of 2014 to obtain Guardianship for my mother, Nita Bell Thompkins, who has Dementia/Alzheimer's. I have had trouble with both Lillie and Julia since before this Court ruling and they fought against me getting guardianship at this hearing. After receiving the Guardianship, I sent both of them letters indicating that they would only be allowed to see my mother under my supervision. They ignored my request and continuously sneaked behind my back to see my mother, upsetting her each visit. They continuously degraded and belittled me to my mother causing her to become irate and combative. Since being appointed her Guardian, my responsibility is to look after her welfare as best I can.

After everything I tried to do to protect my mother was opposed by Lillie and Julia, I was forced to request a hearing before Judge Benjamin C. Allen in Aynor, SC in order to obtain a restraining order against them. This hearing was held in January 2015, after my mother was placed in a behavioral center in Marlboro County. While Judge Allen would not issue a restraining order against them, he did tell them -his exact words "if they came back on my property, they would go to jail". Even this did not stop them.

My mother was moved from the behavioral center to The Lighthouse in Conway and then to Pruett Health in Moncks Corner. While in Moncks Corner, both Lillie and Julia went to the Nursing home on March 20th and attempted to remove her from the Nursing Home. The staff asked them to leave on several occasions and had to threaten them in order to get them to leave. On that day, I went back to Judge Allen's office along with my other sister, Margaret Adams and her husband Harold to try and plead with him to give me a restraining order against them seeing my mother. He stated that he had no jurisdiction over another county. My sister did question him as to why he could not put a restraining order on them before and he stated " he had a mother and siblings and he had seen these domestic issues before and even seen arguments at funerals and his hesitation/decision was based on that and he would not change his ruling. Pruitt Health did not allow them back in to see my mother. However, after this incident on the 20th, I received a call from staff at Pruett informing me that my mother would have to be placed in another facility. We finally were able to get her placed in Prince George Nursing Home in Georgetown on April 3rd.

On Wednesday, June 3rd, I received a call from my son that Lillie was on my property and had entered the house my mother formally occupied without permission. Police were summoned but

she left before Police arrived by cutting locks from the driveway gate. Later in the day, Prince George called and stated that Lillie and Julia were there trying to remove my mother from Prince George. They also reported that a medical patch was removed from her back by Lillie or Julia. This behavior on the part of Lillie and Julia is exceedingly damaging for my mother's health and disposition as she stays in a state of confusion for a long period of time after their visit. I asked the officer to arrest her and when he went to Judge Allen for the warrant to be signed, Judge Allen refused. All attempts to obtain a restraining order and arrests warrants have failed and I respectfully ask your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

W. Joseph Thompkins

September 01, 2015

Your Honor,

I wish to appeal the decision in the case; State vs. Lillie Sawyer, case number: 2015c2611000001, charge: Trespassing/entering premises after warning.

The reason for the appeal is the officer did not ask Lillie if Judge Allen told her in January to stay off the property, I asked the officer to ask Lillie this too. Judge Allen had told me if Lillie or Julia entered the property that he would lock them up. I had asked Judge Allen for documentation to this ruling and Judge Allen said if they entered the property any more and it went to court that the court would have a record of this judgment and ruling. This however, was not brought up in court. Also, the paper you read to the jury stating that the no trespass was only good for six months. I thought when you are put on no trespassing it was good forever.

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