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No. P26-18

THEODORE JUSTICE

v.

CARRIAGE HILL OF CARTHAGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Moore
(25CV001833-620)

ORDER

The following order was entered:

By unanimous vote, the petition for writ of certiorari filed in this cause by petitioner Theodore Justice on 29 June 2026 is denied. The petition for writ of supersedeas and motion for temporary stay filed by petitioner the same day are dismissed.

By order of the Court, sitting as a three-judge panel, this the 17th of July 2026.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the North Carolina Court of Appeals, this the 17th day of July 2026.

Eugene H. Soar
Clerk, North Carolina Court of Appeals

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The Honorable Clerk of District Court, Moore County

Supreme Court of North Carolina

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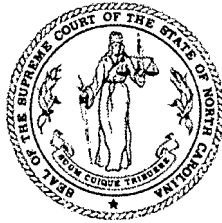
ORDER OF THE COURT

Upon consideration of the petition filed by Plaintiff on the 18th day of July 2026 in this matter for a writ of certiorari to review an order of the North Carolina Court of Appeals, the following order was entered and is hereby certified to the North Carolina Court of Appeals:

Petition denied.

By order of the Court this the 23rd day of July 2026.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, this the 23rd day of July 2026.



Grant E. Buckner
Clerk, Supreme Court of North Carolina


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Assistant Clerk, Supreme Court Of North Carolina

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THEODORE JUSTICE, CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT

BY: J. Barley

Plaintiff,

vs.

CARRIAGE HILL OF CARTHAGE
HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.,

Defendant.

ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANT'S
MOTION FOR PRE-FILING
INJUNCTION/GATEKEEPERS
ORDER

THIS CAUSE, coming on to be heard and being heard during the February 16, 2026 civil session of District Court for Moore County, North Carolina, before the Honorable Beth Tanner, District Court Judge Presiding, upon Carriage Hill of Carthage Homeowners Association, Inc.'s Motion for Pre-Filing Injunction and Sanctions. Said Motion seeks a pre-filing injunction, or 'gatekeeper order' regulating the filing of documents in the General Court of Justice by Theodore Justice ("Plaintiff") against Hutchens Law Firm, its attorneys, and Carriage Hill of Carthage Homeowners Association, Inc. ("Association"). Hannah Hein, Esq. appeared on behalf of the Association, and Plaintiff, Theodore Justice, did not appear. Upon review of the pleadings, the Motion and the arguments presented by counsel and the parties, the Court finds as follows:

1. Theodore Justice, proceeding pro se, has filed numerous documents with various courts, including the following:

- a. On September 11, 2025, Plaintiff filed a complaint against the Association.

- b. Due to insufficient service upon the Association, no answer was filed and entry of default was entered on October 20, 2025.
- c. On October 20, 2025, Plaintiff filed a Motion for Default Judgment and Hearing on Damages, along with an Affidavit in Support.
- d. On October 22, 2025, Plaintiff filed a Motion to Preclude Untimely Filings and Trial by Ambush, along with numerous separate daily filings for “Exhibits” up until November 3, 2025.
- e. On November 3, 2025, a hearing was calendared for Plaintiff’s Motion for Default Judgment but the motion was not heard.
- f. On November 6, 2025, Plaintiff filed two (2) Motions for Judicial Findings and Preservation of Evidence and three (3) Notice of Hearings for said Motion(s).
- g. On November 7, the Association filed a Notice of Appearance in the matter.
- h. On November 12, 2025, Plaintiff filed a Motion to Deny Relief from Default and Memorandum of Law in Support, along with numerous separately filed attachments. Additionally, Plaintiff sent a Subpoena to the Association’s retained counsel seeking privileged information.
- i. On November 13, 2025, the Association filed their Motion to Set Aside Entry of Default, an Affidavit in Support, a Calendar Request, and Notice of Hearing.
- j. On November 14, 2025, Plaintiff filed a Response in Opposition to Defendant’s Motion to Set Aside, an Affidavit in Support of Plaintiff’s Response in Opposition to the Association’s November 13 Motion, a Motion to Strike Defendant’s Motion to Set Aside, and a Motion/Notice of Withdrawal of Proposed Order for Plaintiff’s Motion to Strike, as well as a Notice of Hearing for such Motions, and numerous separately filed exhibits.
- k. Additionally, on November 14, 2025, Plaintiff filed a Motion for Recusal of the Honorable Donna Elizabeth Tanner, an Affidavit in Support of the Motion for Recusal, a Notice of Hearing, and numerous exhibits.

Amongst this batch of filings, Plaintiff accuses the Honorable Judge Tanner and the Association's counsel of having off the record discussions in open court on November 3.

- l. On December 1, 2025, Plaintiff filed a Motion to Compel Compliance with the Subpoena issued to the Association's counsel, as well as a Memorandum of Law in Support, Notice of Hearing, and numerous separately filed exhibits.
- m. On December 4, 2025, Plaintiff filed a Motion for Reassignment to Substitute Judge, Affidavits in Support of this Motion, including one asserting 'observed racial disparate treatment'.
- n. Plaintiff's Motion for Default Judgment and the Association's Motion to Set Aside was calendared on December 15, 2025, with the Honorable Judge Bibey.
- o. On December 12, 2025, Plaintiff filed an Emergency Motion and an Administrative Motion for Disqualification of Judge Stephen A. Bibey and Assignment of Substitute Judge, along with an Affidavit and numerous separately filed exhibits.
- p. At the hearing on December 15, 2025, Judge Bibey continued the Motions to February 2, 2026, to be heard in front of Judge Tanner.
- q. Later on December 15, 2025, Plaintiff filed a Supplemental Opposition to Defendant's Motion to Set Aside and Supplemental Response to Objection to Subpoena Issued to Hannah Hein, along with numerous exhibits.
- r. On December 22, 2025, Plaintiff filed an Emergency Motion for Remote Appearance pursuant to Medical Necessity and ADA accommodation, a Notice of Hearing, and an Affidavit in Support.
- s. Despite Plaintiff not submitting a calendar request for the Emergency Motion for Remote Appearance, Plaintiff appeared in District Court in front of Judge Ross and asked for the Motion to be heard. Judge Ross asked the Plaintiff and the Association's counsel to appear at 12:30pm for the Motion to be heard; Plaintiff did not appear. Judge Ross informed

the Association's counsel that Judge Tanner would rule on the Motion for Remote Appearance in chambers, and the other pending Motions would be heard as calendared on February 2.

- t. On January 6, 2026, Plaintiff filed another Motion for Mandatory Remote Appearance and exhibits, as well as a Petition for Writ of Supersedeas and Motion for Temporary Stay with the North Carolina Court of Appeals.
- u. On January 9, 2026, Plaintiff has filed a Writ of Mandamus with the North Carolina Court of Appeals, despite the NC Court of Appeals dismissing Plaintiff's January 6 Motions due to lack of jurisdiction.

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2. Theodore Justice's filings are consistently frivolous and groundless with no basis in fact or in procedural or substantive law.

3. The principal aim of the documents filed by Theodore is to harass the Association and cause them to expend time and money in an attempt to delay these proceedings.

4. Theodore Justice's misuse of the judicial process has resulted in significant burden to court officials and the Association.

5. No legitimate legal purpose is served by Theodore Justice's filings and Theodore Justice has offered no reasonable explanation for the frivolous and groundless filings.

6. Theodore Justice was provided proper notice of the Motion and had a full and fair opportunity to dispute both the basis for the entry of this Order, but did not appear at the hearing.

BASED UPON THESE FINDINGS OF FACT, this Court makes the following conclusions of law:

1. The Court has the inherent authority, and the obligation, to safeguard the judicial process, to protect the fairness of the process for all citizens, and to prevent abuse and harassment of litigants and court officials and needless expense.

2. The Court has the authority to limit the ability of an abusive litigant to file frivolous and groundless documents with the Court, as well as the authority to impose other sanctions for such actions.

3. Theodore Justice's filings are not well grounded in fact and are not warranted by existing law or a good faith argument for the extension, modification, or reversal of existing law.

4. Theodore Justice's numerous frivolous and groundless filings have caused undue delay in cases, disrupted the orderly administration of justice, and imposed needless increases in the cost of litigation.

5. There is no remedy short of a pre-filing injunction to prevent Theodore Justice's abuse of the system and harassment and annoyance of court officials and litigants.

6. A pre-filing injunction is necessary to prevent Theodore Justice's further abuse of the judicial process and Theodore Justice's harassment of court officials and litigants.

7. Theodore Justice's right of access to the courts for legitimate purposes can be preserved through a process that requires Theodore Justice to give notice and receive permission from the Court before filing, or obtain the certification of a licensed attorney.

8. A pre-filing injunction is the least restrictive alternative available to the Court.

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED:

1. Theodore Justice, or anyone action on her behalf, are enjoined from filing any document:

a. Naming, involving, and/or relating to the Association or their counsel; and/or

b. Involving or relating to the alleged damage to the 2005 Cadillac Deville on December 20, 2024 upon the Association's property,

("Documents") with the Clerk of Court for Moore County, North Carolina without the prior approval of the Court and the certification of an attorney as described below.

2. The Clerk shall not accept any filing from Theodore Justice unless it is accompanied by confirmation from the **Chief** District Court Judge, or another judge delegated by the **Chief** District Court Judge to handle such matter, that the filing has been approved.

3. Theodore Justice shall also submit the proposed filing to an attorney licensed to practice in the state of North Carolina and in good standing with the North Carolina State Bar. If the attorney certifies in writing that the attorney has read and is familiar with this Order; that the attorney has carefully reviewed the Document Theodore Justice wishes to file; that the attorney has investigated the matter sufficiently to determine that there is a legitimate lawful basis for the filing; that the attorney

believes the Document to be filed in good faith; and that the attorney does not believe the filing to be frivolous or nonsensical and does not believe that it is being filed for the purpose of harassment or intimidation or to evade legal responsibility or process; then the Clerk may accept the filing. In that circumstance, the Clerk shall file the attorney's certification with Theodore Justice's Document. Such certification by an attorney shall not be construed as the establishment of an attorney-client relationship between the attorney and Theodore Justice.

4. If the Court approves the filing of an action by Theodore Justice, the Court may consider imposition of a prosecution bond pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 1-109 in an amount exceeding \$200.00.

5. Should Theodore Justice succeed, despite this Order, in filing any Document with the Clerk without the required approval, the Clerk shall notify the Court and is authorized to remove and strike the Document from the file and also strike reference to it.

6. A violation of this Order by Theodore Justice, or by any person acting in active concert or participation with them who receive actual notice in any manner of this Order by personal service or otherwise, may be considered contempt and may be sanctioned accordingly. In addition, to the extent that Rule 11 of the North Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure applies to any filing by Theodore Justice, the Court may impose sanctions allowed by that Rule, including imposition of attorneys' fees. The Court may also impose any other sanction available to it through statute, rule, or the inherent authority of the Court, including criminal contempt.

7. This Order shall remain in effect until vacated by the Court. At any time beginning one year from the entry of this Order, Theodore Justice may petition to have it modified or vacated.

8. A copy of this Order shall be delivered to the Clerk.

9. A copy of this Order shall be sent to each litigant in any pending matter involving Theodore Justice in Moore County, North Carolina.

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SO ORDERED this the ___th day of February, 2026.

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The Honorable Beth Tanner
District Court Judge Presiding

NORTH CAROLINA
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Plaintiff,

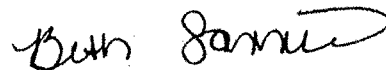
v.

Carriage Hill of Carthage
Homeowners Association, Inc.,
Defendant.

ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFF'S
REQUEST FOR WEBEX ATTENDANCE

THIS CAUSE coming on to be heard and being heard upon the Plaintiff's multiple requests for appearance via WebEx. This Court has considered all such pending motions as of 1/13/2025 that have not otherwise already been ruled on. Plaintiff has filed an extraordinary number of pleadings and is not represented by counsel. It is not possible that Plaintiff would be able to adequately proceed in this matter via Webex. **Therefore, the Court denies any and all of Plaintiff's pending requests to appear via WebEx as of 1/13/2026.**

This the 1/13/2026 12:48:18 PM



Honorable Beth Tanner
District Court Judge, District 29

**Additional material
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available in the
Clerk's Office.**