

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF SPARTANBURG

IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS
SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

State of South Carolina,
Prosecutor,

Warrant/Indictment Number(s):
2022A4210200691
Felony Driving Under the Influence with Death

vs.

ORDER REGARDING BOND

Caleb Andrew Kennedy,
Defendant.

This matter was before the Court on April 28th, 2022, upon the Defendant's Motion filed with the Court on February 10th, 2022, by and through, the Defendant's Attorney Ryan Lewis Beasley, Esq., pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 17-15-10, et. seq. requesting the Defendant's release from pre-trial incarceration on "reasonable bond" pending trial on the above referenced charge. At the hearing held in this matter the State was represented by Barry Joe Barnette, Esq., the Solicitor for the Seventh Judicial Circuit, and the Defendant was represented by Ryan Lewis Beasley, Esq. of Ryan Beasley Law.

The Defendant is charged with the crime of Felony Driving Under the Influence with Death.

Having considered the arguments of Counsel, the nature and circumstances of the offense charged, the Defendant's character and mental condition, the Court is concerned regarding the Defendant's mental condition and the Defendant's mental stability based on statements made by Counsel at the hearing. Specifically, Counsel stated that Prozac a/k/a Fluoxetine, an antidepressant medication, had been prescribed and used by the Defendant prior to the date of the driving incident, and that the Defendant's prescribing physician had recently, prior to the date of the driving incident, increased the Defendant's prescribed dosage of Prozac. Counsel stated that the Defendant

had continued the use of the prescribed medication, at least for some period while in pre-trial detention. Further, that while in pre-trial detention, the Defendant had been placed on "suicide-watch" status by detention facility personnel. The Court has not received medical documentation from any source regarding the Defendant's mental health or current mental condition. The Court's concern is that the Defendant presents a danger both to himself and to the community if released from pre-trial detention. Therefore based upon the foregoing undisputed facts, it appears that releasing the Defendant on his own recognizance will not satisfactorily ensure that he is not an unreasonable risk of danger to himself or to the community.

This Court therefore finds that the Defendant's motion for bond pending trial should be and is therefore denied at this time pending a psychiatric evaluation of the Defendant which shall be conducted within forty-five (45) days, after which the Defendant is granted leave to seek additional relief as to the issue of bond.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



The Honorable Grace Gilchrist Knie
Resident Judge, Seventh Judicial Circuit

April 29th, 2022
Spartanburg, South Carolina

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