

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT
OF HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

KARISSA BOWLEY

PLAINTIFF

VS.

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CAUSE NO. G-2024-429

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT
OF PUBLIC SAFETY

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DEFENDANTS

TEMPORARY ORDER OF THE COURT

THIS CAUSE is before the Court on Karissa Bowley's *Motion to Clarify, Motion to Realign the Parties, and/or Motion to Modify the Injunction* [MEC #11], and Defendant Mississippi Department of Public Safety's *Motion to Dissolve Temporary Restraining Order/Preliminary Injunction and Dismiss Plaintiff's Complaint* [MEC #18]. This Court held hearing on the matter on April 30, 2024, receiving all argument and evidence. Having reviewed the *Motions*, the testimony, evidence and argument presented at hearing, as well as post-hearing submissions, the Court finds that certain relief is necessary and shall be granted as set forth herein.

On April 18, 2024, this Court entered its *Order Granting Plaintiff's Emergency Temporary Restraining Order and Preliminary Injunction* [MEC #9]. On April 30, 2024, Bul Garang Mabil, Karissa Bowley, and the Mississippi Department of Public Safety appeared before this Court, in person and through representation. The Court concludes that each of the aforementioned seek to ensure the integrity of the investigation involving the death of Dau Mabil. The Court further finds that this matter is of substantial public interest. The Court concludes that there is no case or controversy between Bul Garang Mabil and Karissa Bowley; at hearing, Karissa

Bowley testified as to her consent for an independent autopsy of the remains of Dau Mabil to be conducted at the direction and expense of Bul Garang Mabil, subject to limited safeguards. At hearing, a representative for the Mississippi Department of Public Safety acknowledged the ability and willingness to retain custody of the bodily remains of Dau Mabil until an independent autopsy could be conducted. Karissa Bowley further testified with regard to her understanding that this matter is of particular public interest; she acknowledged her willingness to reveal the results of the autopsy of the bodily remains of Dau Mabil to the public upon her receipt of the same.

Based upon the foregoing, this Court finds that Karissa Bowley, as the surviving spouse of Dau Mabil, has willingly consented to an independent autopsy of the bodily remains of Dau Mabil to be conducted at the direction and expense of Bul Garang Mabil. The independent autopsy shall be conducted at the conclusion of the investigation by the Mississippi Department of Public Safety and shall not delay, impair, impede, or otherwise interfere with any law enforcement investigation related to the death of Dau Mabil, including but not limited to the investigation of MDPS, the Capitol Police, and/or the Mississippi State Medical Examiner. The Mississippi Department of Public Safety shall notify Karissa Bowley and Bul Garang Mabil upon the conclusion of the investigation and the availability of the bodily remains for independent autopsy. The MDPS shall retain custody of the bodily remains of Dau Mabil for thirty (30) days after such notification is complete to allow for the independent autopsy to be conducted. The independent autopsy shall be conducted only by a pathologist who is at least as qualified as is generally required of pathologists conducting autopsies for the State of Mississippi; the pathologist must be an M.D. or D.O. who is certified in anatomic pathology by the American Board of Pathology and must be competent to meet the qualifications as set forth

in Mississippi Code Annotated §41-61-65. All costs of the independent autopsy shall be borne by Bul Garang Mabil. Finally, the Court finds that Karissa Bowley, as the surviving spouse of Dau Mabil, has willingly consented to the release of the results of the autopsy of the remains of Dau Mabil; she has further consented to file the same in this matter upon the conclusion of the MDPS investigation. Upon filing of the same on MEC, Karissa Bowley shall notify this Court so that this matter may be closed.

SO ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED THIS the 2nd day of May, 2024.



CHANCELLOR J. DEWAYNE THOMAS