STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF HORRY

IN THE MATTER OF: THE ESTATE OF MICA ACACIA MILLER

John-Paul Miller,

Petitioner.

v.

Sierra Francis, individually and as Special Administrator for the Estate of Mica Acacia Miller,

Respondent.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case Number: 2024-ES-26-01446

AFFIDAVIT OF PETITIONER, JOHN-PAUL MILLER, IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO REMOVE SPECIAL ADMINISTRATOR AND APPOINT PETITIONER AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE



- 1. Mica grew up in an unstable home with about 10 stepparents in total. She lived with people unrelated to her for many years of her life before turning 18, due to problems with her mother. **EXHIBIT A.**
- 2. Mica and I married at the end of 2017. On Dec 1, 2017, she decided to have an elective surgery. **EXHIBIT B.** When she awoke, the Doctors informed me that she was having a psychotic episode. Mica began writing undecipherable emails on Dec 15, 2017, **EXHIBIT C**. The Doctor put her in a mental hospital. She was discharged and then readmitted because her sisters convinced her to stop taking her prescribed medicine. The doctors then prescribed Lithium, Olanzapine, Lamotrigine, Seroquel, and other medications over the years. But Lithium has always been the best and most consistent. **EXHIBIT D, E, & G.** She has been diagnosed many times, but the 3 that are always consistent is schizophrenia & Bi-polar 2 with severe psychosis, and dependent personality disorder **EXHIBIT F, H, & I.** Her medical records are mainly at Waccamaw Mental Health, Lighthouse, Grandstrand hospital and mental health facility, and Mcleod Hospital.
- 3. Dec 22, 2017, While Mica was back in the mental institute, I gathered wisdom from professionals on how to take care of her. I emailed her about the details of the event because she wasn't in her right mind **EXHIBIT J**. I began attending support groups for mental illness, with and without her **EXHIBIT K**. Once again, I wrote her an email about the events happening, while she was in the hospital. **EXHIBIT L**. I emailed my coach with an update on Mica, explaining that I would need to take care of her every day for the rest of her life. **EXHIBIT M**



- 4. Mica has been in and out of mental facilities several times, but it would've been dozens of times if not for me. It was a struggle to help her take her medicine over the years with her family fighting to get her off the medicine that keeps her alive. In Nov 2022, her sisters told her that when she takes Lithium it makes her gain weight and become sluggish and that she should stop listening to me and her doctors concerning her meds. After Mica went into the mental facility once again, she decided to cut off all communication with her family, as she has done several times over the years. Even Mica's own doctor at Waccamaw Mental Health told her for her own well-being she should not be in relationship with her sisters. **EXHIBITS N & O.**
- 5. I informed Sierra on Nov 28, 2022, that Mica has no access to a gun at our home, but in her state of mind without Lithium, she would use other ways if she wanted to commit suicide. **EXHIBIT P**.
- 6. When Mica is with me and on her prescribed medication, she was happy, healthy, and enjoying life, just as she said in a page of her actual diary. **EXHIBIT Q.**
- 7. Dec 29, 2022, I informed her sisters, while Mica was healing mentally, that I am the one who makes sure Mica takes her medicine and that they need to stay away if they're going to pull her off meds. **EXHIBIT R.**
- 8. Feb 4, 2023, Mica texts Sierra again to leave us alone. And when her family is out of the picture, our life is great. **EXHIBIT S & T.**
- 9. While Mica was in Africa at the end of 2023, she gave her testimony of how God saved her from committing suicide with a firearm she purchased from Dicks Pawn Shop a few years ago. (USB FLASHDRIVE).
- 10. On Dec 19, 2023, Mica sent a text to her family letting them know that she is tapering off her bipolar medication without telling her doctor and against my wishes. To which her family thought that was great as long as she was happy and should possibly look into holistic treatment for her bi-polar II, and schizophrenia. **EXHIBIT U.**
- 11. Jan 20, 2024, Mica texted her friend about how wonderful her life is with me. EXHIBIT V.
- 12. Jan 21, 2024, Mica created a custom sweatshirt that said, "Miller Est. 2017" EXHIBIT W.
- 13. Jan 22, 2024, Mica got a thick wedding band tattooed on her finger even though it was extremely thick, that's what she wanted, similar to her and I having each other's names tattooed on our sides. **EXHIBIT X.**



- 14. Jan 30, 2024, Mica asked me to be her "life" coach, because of how much we both love and respect each other's giftings. **EXHIBIT Y.** Mica purchased a new Bible and had both our names engraved on it together. **EXHIBIT Z.**
- 15. Feb 2024 Mica text her brother to tell him how supportive I am of her and how her sisters lie to her mental health nurse. **EXHIBIT AA.**
- 16. Feb 5, 2024, Mica texts her father and brother that when it comes to her mental health and her well-being, I am the one who takes care of her each day. **EXHIBIT BB.**
- 17. Feb 6, 2024, I informed Mica's brother, Nate, that Mica's doctor is putting her in the mental hospital to get help because she is suffering from a bi-polar episode and that the only way Mica said she would take her meds is if her father asks her to. Instead of helping me, Nate sent it to Mica, informing her the police are coming for her. **EXHIBIT EE.**
- 18. Feb 6, 2024, at 7:49 PM I inform Mica's family that if she doesn't get to the hospital and get her meds, that she could harm herself or others. **EXHIBIT CC.** And that she is having a Bi-polar schizophrenic breakdown, and instead of helping her, her father, Michael Francis encourages her to flee the county, avoid being detained, and avoid being over medicated. **EXHIBIT DD.** I text Mica's brother, Nate, and Mica's father, Michael, and inform them that telling Mica the police are coming for her- makes her more manic and dangerous. **EXHIBIT EE.**
- 19. Mica called me and told me her dad said she doesn't need medication. So, I text her father, Michael, and Brother, Nate and told them how horrible that is. **EXHIBIT BB.**
- 20. Feb 6, 2024, Waccamaw Mental Health filled out the emergency hospitalization paper saying Mica was homicidal, suicidal, hallucinating, delusional, and much more. But nobody in her family cared at all what the doctors or police officer thought. **EXHIBIT FF.**
- 21. Feb 6, 2024, Sierra text Mica with information on how to avoid being obtained by the police for the hospital. **EXHIBIT GG.**
- 22. Mica's dad text her the information I sent him about the doctor saying that Mica could self-harm, in order to put a wedge between her & I, rather than get her help. **EXHIBIT HH.**
- 23. Feb 6, 2024, at 6:46 PM. Police spend hours trying to locate Mica as she runs. EXHIBIT II.
- 24. Feb 7, 2024, at 3:52 AM. Police continue to search for Mica. EXHIBIT JJ.
- 25. Mica goes to South Strand mental health facility on Feb 7, 2024, and on Feb 10, 2024, Nate Francis comes to my house asking for a gun and a few other things. I denied him the gun but



- offered Mica's medicine instead, which he refused. When he leaves, I text him letting him know that Mica had not been taking her Lithium properly and that he should trust me. **EXHIBIT KK.**
- 26. While Mica was in the hospital and well taken care of, records show she was never abused, she wanted to come home to me (husband) and have a baby, and that she was there because her family convinced her to stop taking meds again, and that she had no desire for suicide when discharged and on proper meds. Mica's family got her out of the hospital and didn't tell me, and never asked for her Lithium or any of her medication, only for a gun and pocketbook. **EXHIBIT LL.**
- 27. I sought out Mica's older sister Destiny to help Mica based on the hospital report and the fact that Michael convinced Mica to drain our bank account and buy him a new SUV after she was just released from the mental hospital. **EXHIBIT MM.**
- 28. Feb 15, 2024, Mica showed up at church in a manic state. The Administrator sent Nate a text informing him of her manic actions and that she needs a doctor and medicine. **EXHIBIT NN.**
- 29. On Feb 16, 2024, I sent Mica's dad, Michael, a forwarded text from Mica's mental health doctor's office about an appointment she has coming up, and Michael asked me to stop texting him. **EXHIBIT OO.** (This was the appointment that would've saved her life, as they would've properly medicated her).
- 30. I text Nate and told him about the police stopping Mica from trying to get a gun, and that Mica needs her Lithium and that he should stop wasting time attacking me and start caring for his sister whom he has access to. **EXHIBIT PP.**
- 31. So, I started texting, calling, and visiting more than 20 of Mica's acquaintances so that they would be aware and hopefully encourage her to get help or medicine. **EXHIBITS QQ.**
- 32. I discovered that Mica tried getting a gun, in front of a police officer (Wheeler and Bowering), while in a manic state. That officer was kind enough to meet me at Waccamaw Mental Health so we could inform Mica's doctor. Upon arriving, they told me that Mica's family drove her there to sign her out of their care.
- 33. I didn't know what to do. Her family didn't care about her enough to help her. Her friends didn't care enough about her to help her. I was the only person on earth trying to keep her alive and well. If someone had brought her to a trained professional, she would still be alive today. A professional would've been able to tell in 3 minutes that she was hallucinating and have delusions.



- 34. I went to Waccamaw mental health and filled out probate papers on Feb 21, 2024, and said that she was trying to get a gun and refusing to take her Lithium. On March 5, 2024, after just speaking to her for a few minutes, they found her to be mentally ill but not enough to put her in the hospital because she wasn't a danger to others. **EXHIBIT RR.** I told them that I was scared she would kill herself and could they at least prevent her from ever purchasing a gun, and they said there was nothing they could do to help.
- 35. March 3, 2024, I emailed Mica reminding her of what happens when she stops taking her prescribed medicine. **EXHIBIT SS.**
- 36. March 6, 2024, I emailed Mica asking her to let me help her with her mental health. **EXHIBIT TT.**
- 37. Mica lost 36 pounds in 4 weeks and not one of her friends tried to help. Every video Mica posted while off Lithium is obviously not the real her- the cadence, tone, speed of her voice- anyone who really knew Mica would know that she was not herself in those videos and was hallucinating.
- 38. I sent Mica flowers, emails, **EXHIBIT UU.** fruit, gifts- all with the goal of her coming home and taking her Lithium.
- 39. March 19, 2024, Mica came over to the house for 4 hours. She told me that she wanted to come home and get back on her medicine, but her family would disown her, especially Sierra and her biological father, Michael. She hugged me several times and asked me to kiss her neck. She handed me a handwritten apology letter showing that she blames her family for all the mess. **EXHIBIT VV.** I read it and didn't understand all of it, but it was nice.
- 40. That was the last time I was going to have a conversation with my wife, my best friend. She showed me a picture of a book she was reading called, "I love Jesus, but I want to die" by Sarah Robinson. I asked her if she wants to die, and she said, "I don't want to live if my family won't be happy for me and you." She then hugged me, kissed me, told me she was tired, and left. **EXHIBIT WW.**
- 41. On April 27, 2024, I felt in my spirit to email her and encourage her not to let mental unhealth ruin her life. **EXHIBIT XX.**
- 42. After Mica passed on April 27, 2024, I went to the hospital on Sunday (April 28,2024) to pick up her necklace and ring and was told that she had killed herself. I saw her body and asked them to do an autopsy and toxicology. They said there was no need for an autopsy but that her toxicology would be ready by July. I spent the next few days trying to coordinate with the family by offering them any amount of money they needed for travel. My church agreed to give them



- \$3,500 for travel expenses, **EXHIBIT YY** only to find out that after the check was cashed, they began bashing me online.
- 43. I then began setting up times for them to see the body **EXHIBIT ZZ**. After they gave my message a thumbs up, they began posting online that I would not let them see her body.
- 44. When the family finally came to see the body, both of Mica's parents signed papers to be cremated. After they left the funeral home, they began to post online that I somehow forced them to sign papers to have her cremated. **EXHIBIT AAA.**
- 45. While they were at the funeral home, I told the director that they could pick out whatever erns they all wanted, and some jewelry to put ashes inside, etc. When the funeral director showed me the bill for \$18,000.00, and the fact that they had picked out 24k gold, I asked him to call them back and switch some of that gold for sterling silver. But it still cost thousands of dollars. I do this happily because it's not for them, it's for Mica. **EXHIBIT BBB.**
- 46. June 4, 2024, the Medical Examiners report came out, documenting her mental illness, need for medicine (that her family wouldn't give her), and the facts of her suicide. **EXHIBIT CCC.**
- 47. Basically, I have lived 7 years with a person who had to take a pill every day or she would threaten to kill me or someone else. I did everything I could think to do: I went to Judges, Doctors, Lawyers, Mica's friends, Mica's family, Mica's counselor, Mica's Pastor, policeman, church members, the retired nurse she was staying with, etc. and I told everyone that she needs her medicine and that she will battle suicidal delusions if she doesn't get it. And nobody believed me. Our church even paid for a Pastor from Africa whom Mica admired, to fly 30 hours and spend 4 days with her, trying to convince her to take her medicine and come home, and at that point we were so close if not for her family. I spent these 7 years fighting with her family over her taking her prescribed Lithium. If Mica's family had simply listened to me or listened to the doctors or listened to all the things Mica had told them in the past about her mental illness and how I take care of her, then she would be alive today. I did everything a man can do to save someone's life and I didn't have anyone willing to help. Mica lost 36-40 pounds in a month and told everyone she was moving to Africa forever- and still, nobody was willing to get her mental help.
- 48. Now her family spends all their energy abusing me, my children, my friends, and my church, through lies, accusations, harassment, defamation, slander, etc. knowing I'm the only one who took care of Mica and worked hard to keep her alive. They used all their energy to keep Mica from me and her medicine and they got the very thing they spent 7 years trying to accomplish because now I can no longer be with the woman I love. I await the moment that I get to see my wife again, in Heaven. I am distraught to have lost my best friend, but Jesus reigns as King so I know I will hold her again.



- 49. To my knowledge, Mica had no estate documents (will or trust).
- 50. She had no other heirs/beneficiaries as I am her spouse, and she had no children.
- 51. There are no other individuals ahead of me as her husband, in the intestate line to be the Personal Representative.
- 52. I have been informed that her death was ruled a suicide and that there are no ongoing investigations by anyone in NC, SC, or Federal.
- 53. Thus, I ask this Court under the Law of South Carolina to appoint me Personal Representative of the Estate, so that all creditors can be paid, and I can honor all of Mica's wishes by helping to fund the School she started to help educate the youth of Africa under Pastor Jumba's tutelage.

FURTHER THE AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

John Paul Miller, *Petitioner* Husband of Mica Miller

Sworn to before me this 26 of July 2024.

Notary Public, State of South Carolina

My Commission Expires: 09/13/3

