

The Supreme Court of South Carolina

RE: In the Matter of Georgetown County Magistrate  
James K. McKenzie

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ORDER

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Georgetown County Magistrate James K. McKenzie has failed on numerous occasions to report for duty at Georgetown County Magistrate Court. This dereliction of duty is an unacceptable affront to the fair administration of justice and the courts. Therefore, pursuant to Article V, Section 4 of the South Carolina Constitution,

**IT IS ORDERED** that Georgetown County Magistrate McKenzie is suspended from his magisterial duties until further Order of the Chief Justice, without compensation from Georgetown County, and such suspension shall begin immediately.

Given the significance of this matter, a copy of this order will be distributed to all summary court judges. These judges are directed to carefully evaluate their own procedures and be physically present during working hours.

s/Donald W.

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Donald W. Beatty

Chief Justice of South Carolina

Columbia, South Carolina  
August 30, 2023