

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF GREENVILLE

Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC,

Plaintiff,

vs.

Steven Mercer; Candace Mercer; The United States of America, acting by and through its agent, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC; and Discover Bank,

Defendant(s).

BCP No.: 26-40844

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

C/A No.: 2026-CP-23-01680

ORDER OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE

(Deficiency Judgment Waived)

Pursuant to Rule 53 of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure (hereinafter "SCRCP"), the above-entitled matter was referred to the undersigned to make appropriate findings of fact and conclusions of law, with authority to enter a final Judgment in the cause. Any appeal from the decision shall be directly to the South Carolina Court of Appeals. Pursuant to the said reference, a hearing was held via Zoom on September 28, 2026, a record was made, which is reported herewith, and from the testimony and evidence, I find and conclude as follows:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Lis Pendens was filed on or about March 18, 2026.
2. The Summons and Complaint were filed on or about March 18, 2026.
3. Service was made upon the Defendants named in this Order as is shown by the proofs of service filed herein.
4. According to an Affidavit filed herein, no Defendant in default is in the military service of the United States of America, as contemplated under the Servicemembers' Civil Relief Act fka Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940, and any amendments thereto.
5. Heretofore, Steven Mercer (hereinafter, "Borrower(s)") made, executed, and delivered to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC (hereinafter, "Payee") a certain Promissory Note dated May 12, 2017, in writing (hereinafter, "Note"), wherein and whereby Borrower(s) promised to pay to

Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, the principal sum of \$61,775.00 together with interest at the initial rate of 4.25% per annum on the unpaid balance; said principal and interest being payable in monthly installments thereafter until the said Note is fully paid.

6. In order to secure the payment of said Note, Steven Mercer and Candace Mercer (hereinafter, "Mortgagor(s)"), did make, execute, and deliver to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, its successors and assigns, a certain mortgage dated May 12, 2017 (hereinafter, "Subject Mortgage") securing the below described real property, including any and all improvements to the property, located in the County and State aforesaid (hereinafter, "Subject Property"):

All that piece, parcel or tract of land in the State of South Carolina, County of Greenville, north of Travelers Rest, being shown as 3.0 acres on plat entitled "property of Lewis Blayne Darnell" prepared by W.R. Williams Jr., surveyor, and having according to said plat, the following metes and bounds to wit:

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7. Said Mortgage was recorded on May 22, 2017 in Book 5390 at Page 1891, in the Greenville County Office of the Register of Deeds.
8. Thereafter, the Subject Mortgage was assigned to Plaintiff by assignment recorded January 22, 2019 in Book MO 5465 at Page 3237.
9. The Subject Mortgage was modified by a Loan Modification Agreement (Mortgage) recorded on July 11, 2019 in Book 5486 at Page 5490, in the Greenville County Office of the Register of Deeds.

10. The Subject Mortgage evidences and secures the repayment of money advanced by the Payee to, or on behalf of, the Mortgagor(s) and constitutes a valid First lien on the Subject Property.
11. Payment due on the Note has not been made as provided for therein, and the Plaintiff, as the holder thereof, has elected to accelerate payment of the entire indebtedness and has placed the Note and Mortgage in the hands of its attorney of record herein for collection.
12. Having considered the nature, extent and difficulty of the services rendered (the field of mortgage foreclosures being a specialized area of practice); the time involved in reviewing the various loan documents, performing the title search, preparing the pleadings and preparing for and attending hearings; the professional standing of the Plaintiff's attorney; the fee customarily charged in this jurisdiction for similar services; and the beneficial results obtained for the Plaintiff, I find that the sum of \$4,000.00 is a reasonable attorney's fee for the Plaintiff's attorney for services performed and anticipated to be performed until final adjudication of the within action, under the terms of the note and mortgage. Services anticipated to be performed until final adjudication contemplates completion of this matter within a reasonable time and does not include exceptional, unanticipated circumstances delaying conclusion beyond the normal time.
13. The amount due and owing on the Note and Mortgage, with interest at the rate provided in the Note, and other costs and expenses of collection, including attorney's fees, secured by the Note and Mortgage, is as follows:

Principal Balance:	\$45,532.86
Accrued Interest good through 09/14/26: (At rate of 4.625% per annum)	\$2,356.37
Per Diem Interest from 09/15/26 through 09/28/26: (At a daily rate of \$5.85)	\$81.90
Escrow Balance:	\$1,531.01
FHA Premium Due HUD:	\$38.40
Pre-Accelerated Late Charges:	\$31.50
NSF Fees:	\$20.00
Unapplied/Suspense Balance:	(\$10.50)
Title Costs:	\$625.00
Attorneys' Fees and Costs:	\$4,806.04
TOTAL:	\$55,012.58

14. Thus, the total Debt secured by Note and Mortgage, including interest to date is \$55,012.58.

Interest for the period from the date shown above through the date of this judgment, at above stated rate, to be added to the above stated "Total Debt" to comprise the amount of the Judgment debt entered herein, and interest after the date of Judgment at the rate of 4.625% per annum, the Note's current rate, pursuant to the terms of the Note and Mortgage on the judgment debt should be added to such judgment debt to comprise the amount of the Plaintiff's debt secured by the Mortgage through the date to which such interest is computed.

15. The Plaintiff waives its rights to a deficiency judgment.

16. At the time of the filing of the Lis Pendens in this matter, the record owner(s) of the property were Steven Mercer and Candace Mercer.

17. Information having been obtained from the records of Greenville County, South Carolina, the Defendant(s) below named has/have or may claim to have some interest in or lien upon the Subject Property by virtue of the matters and things herein below alleged, to-wit:

- A. The United States of America, acting by and through its agent, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, by virtue of that certain Junior Mortgage Lien found recorded July 11, 2019 in Book 5486 at Page 5484, Greenville County Register of Deeds Office. The Plaintiff's Mortgage is senior in priority to the aforementioned lien of The United States of America, acting by and through its agent, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and the aforementioned lien will be removed from title to the Subject Property after the judicial sale.
- B. Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC by virtue of those certain Junior Judgment Liens found filed on September 25, 2019 in action number 2019-CP-23-04306; filed on October 28, 2020 in action number 2020-CP-23-03799; and filed on December 9, 2019 in action number 2019-CP-23-05931. The Plaintiff's Mortgage is senior in priority to the aforementioned liens of Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC, and the aforementioned liens will be removed from title to the Subject Property after the judicial sale.
- C. Discover Bank by virtue of that certain Junior Judgment Lien found filed on April 22, 2021 in action number 2020-CP-23-05652. The Plaintiff's Mortgage is senior in priority to the aforementioned lien of Discover Bank, and the aforementioned lien will be removed from title to the Subject Property after the judicial sale.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Plaintiff is not aware of any stay imposed by 11 U.S. Code § 362 of the Bankruptcy Code which would prevent the entry of a judgment of foreclosure or stay the foreclosure sale.
2. The Plaintiff should have judgment of foreclosure of its Mortgage; and the Property should be ordered sold at public auction after due advertisement.
3. That there is due to the Plaintiff on its Note and Mortgage the sum of \$55,012.58, representing the Total Debt due to the Plaintiff as outlined above, together with interest thereon at the rate provided in the Note to the date hereof.
4. That the amount due in the preceding paragraph (the "Total Debt") and later accrued interest and costs shall constitute the total judgment debt due to the Plaintiff and shall bear interest hereafter at the rate of 4.625% per annum, the current interest rate of the Note.
5. The Plaintiff, or any other party to this action, or any other person may become a purchaser at such sale. If such sale is made to anyone other than the Plaintiff or its assignee, should the successful bidder, or his assignee, fail to comply with the terms thereof within twenty (20) days after the date of sale, then the undersigned may re-advertise the Property for sale on the next, or some other subsequent, sales day, at the risk of the highest bidder, and so on from time to time thereafter until a full compliance shall be secured. If such sale is made to the Plaintiff or its assignee for more than the total debt at the time of the sale, the Plaintiff shall have thirty (30) days to tender the difference between the total debt at the time of the sale and the sale price.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED:

1. The Plaintiff is authorized to sell the subject property.
2. That the Defendant(s) liable for the aforesaid Mortgage debt shall, prior to the date and time of the sale of the Property, hereinafter described, pay to the Plaintiff, or the Plaintiff's attorney, the amount of the Plaintiff's debt as aforesaid, together with the costs and disbursements of this action.
3. That on default of payment prior to the date and time of the sale, the Subject Property, hereinafter described, shall be sold by the undersigned at public auction, at the Greenville County Courthouse,

Greenville County and State aforesaid, on some convenient sales day hereafter, on the following terms, that is to say:

- a. FOR CERTIFIED FUNDS: The undersigned shall require a deposit of 5% on the amount of the bid in certified funds or equivalent (cashier's check or money order), the same to be applied on the purchase price only upon compliance with the bid, but in case of non-compliance within twenty (20) days the same to be forfeited and applied to the costs and then to the Plaintiff's debt. If such sale is made to the Plaintiff or its assignee for more than the total debt at the time of the sale, the Plaintiff shall have thirty (30) days to tender the difference between the total debt at the time of the sale and the sale price.
 - b. Interest on the balance of the bid shall be paid through the day of compliance at the rate of 4.625% per annum, which is the Note's current interest rate.
 - c. The sale shall be subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions of record, and any other senior encumbrances.
 - d. The Plaintiff having waived its rights to a deficiency judgment, the sale shall be final.
 - e. Upon the purchaser's compliance with the terms of the sale, the Court shall execute a good and sufficient deed of conveyance to the premises, and the purchaser shall thereby be entitled to possession of the Subject Property.
4. If the Plaintiff is the successful bidder at the said sale, for a sum not exceeding the amount of costs, expenses and the indebtedness of the Plaintiff in full, the Plaintiff may pay to the undersigned only the amount of the costs and expenses, crediting the balance of the bid on the Plaintiffs indebtedness.
 5. The Plaintiff, or any other party to this action, or any other person may become a purchaser at such sale. If such sale is made to anyone other than the Plaintiff or its assignee, should the successful bidder, or his assignee, fail to comply with the terms thereof within twenty (20) days after the date of sale, then the undersigned may re-advertise the Property for sale on the next, or some other subsequent, sales day, at the risk of the highest bidder, and so on from time to time thereafter until a full compliance shall be secured. If such sale is made to the Plaintiff or its assignee for more than the total debt at the time of the sale, the Plaintiff shall have thirty (30) days to tender the difference between the total debt at the time of the sale and the sale price.
 6. In the event an agent of the Plaintiff does not appear at the time of sale, the within property shall be withdrawn from sale and sold at the next available sales date upon the terms and conditions as set forth in the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale or such terms as may be set forth in a supplemental order.
 7. That the undersigned shall apply the proceeds of the sale as follows:

- a. FIRST: To the payment of the amount of the costs and expenses of this action, including any Guardian Ad Litem fee or fees of attorneys appointed under Order of Court; and
 - b. NEXT: To the payment of the amount to the Plaintiff, or the Plaintiff's Attorney, of the amount of the Plaintiff's debt and interest (including attorney fees) or so much thereof as the purchase money will pay on the same; and
 - c. NEXT: Any surplus will be held pending further Order of this Court pursuant to Rule 71(c), SCRCP.
8. Each Defendant named herein, and all persons whomsoever claiming under him, them or it, be forever barred and foreclosed of all right, title, interest and equity of redemption in the said mortgaged premises so sold, or any part thereof.
9. The deed of conveyance made pursuant to this judgment and said sale shall contain the names of only the Plaintiff, the first-named Defendant, who was the title holder of the mortgaged property at the time of the filing of the Lis Pendens, and the Grantee; and that the Greenville County Register of Deeds is hereby authorized to omit from the indices pertaining to such conveyance the names of all parties not contained in said deed.
10. In the event the successful bidder to whom the deed of conveyance has been issued subsequent to the sale is other than the Defendants in possession herein, the Sheriff of Greenville County may be ordered and directed to eject and remove from the premises the occupants of the property sold, together with all personal property located thereon, and put the successful bidder to whom the deed of conveyance has been issued or his assigns in full, quiet and peaceable possession of said premises without delay, and to keep said successful bidder or his assigns in such peaceable possession.
11. After the Order on Sale of Real Estate has been issued and filed, the undersigned directs the Register of Deeds to release of record the lien(s) being foreclosed, which lien(s) are described in the Findings of Fact herein above.
12. The following is a description of the Property herein ordered to be sold:

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JUDGE'S ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE PAGE TO FOLLOW

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Submitted By: J. Martin Page, Esq.
339 Heyward St., 2nd Floor
Columbia, SC 29201
File No.: 26-40844Attorney for: ☒ Plaintiff ☐ Defendant
or
☐ Self-Represented Litigant**DISPOSITION TYPE (CHECK ONE)**

- ☐ **JURY VERDICT.** This action came before the court for a trial by jury. The issues have been tried and a verdict rendered.
- ☒ **DECISION BY THE COURT.** This action came to trial or hearing before the court. The issues have been tried or heard and a decision rendered.
- ☐ **ACTION DISMISSED** (*CHECK REASON*): ☐ Rule 12(b), SCRPC; ☐ Rule 41(a), SCRPC (Vol. Nonsuit); ☐ Rule 43(k), SCRPC (Settled); ☐ Other: _____
- ☐ **ACTION STRICKEN** (*CHECK REASON*): ☐ Rule 40(j), SCRPC; ☐ Bankruptcy; ☐ Binding Arbitration, subject to right to restore to confirm, vacate or modify arbitration award; ☐ Other: _____.
- ☐ **DISPOSITION OF APPEAL TO THE CIRCUIT COURT** (*CHECK APPLICABLE BOX*):
☐ Affirmed; ☐ Reversed; ☐ Remanded; ☐ Other: _____.
 NOTE: ATTORNEYS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR NOTIFYING LOWER COURT, TRIBUNAL, OR ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY OF THE CIRCUIT COURT RULING ON THIS APPEAL.

IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED: ☒ See attached order (formal order to follow); ☐ Statement of Judgment by the Court: _____.**ORDER INFORMATION**This order ☒ ends ☐ does not end the case.
Additional Information for the Clerk: _____ Property to be sold at sale.**INFORMATION FOR THE PUBLIC INDEX**

Complete this section below when the judgment affects title to real or personal property or if any amount should be enrolled. If there is no judgment information, indicate "N/A" in one of the boxes below.

Judgment in Favor of (List name(s) below)	Judgment Against (List name(s) below)	Judgment Amount To be Enrolled (List amount(s) below)
Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC	N/A	N/A

If applicable, describe the property, including tax map information and address, referenced in the order:

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The judgment information above has been provided by the submitting party. Disputes concerning the amounts contained in this form may be addressed by way of motion pursuant to the SC Rules of Civil Procedure. Amounts to be computed such as interest or additional taxable costs not available at the time the form and final order are submitted to the judge may be provided to the clerk.

Note: Title abstractors and researchers should refer to the official court order for judgment details.

E-Filing Note: In E-Filing counties, the Court will electronically sign this form using a separate electronic signature page.

Circuit Court Judge/Special Referee

Judge Code

Date

For Clerk of Court Office Use Only

This judgment was entered on the ____ day of _____, 20____ and a copy mailed first class or placed in the appropriate attorney's box on this _____ day of _____, 20____ to attorneys of record or to parties (when appearing pro se) as follows:

J. Martin Page, Esq., 339 Heyward Street, 2 nd Floor Columbia, SC 29201 Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff	Steven Mercer 78 Robertson Road Travelers Rest, SC 29690 Candace Mercer 1370 Stewart Dairy Road Gray Court, SC 29645 The United States of America, acting by and through its agent, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development c/o Robert M. Sneed, Esq. Via Electronic Filing System Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC c/o Corporation Service Company, RA 100 Coastal Drive, Suite 210 Charleston, SC 29492 Discover Bank c/o CT Corporation System 2 Office Park Court, Suite 103 Columbia, SC 29223
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CLERK OF COURT

Court Reporter: _____

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING DECISION BY THE COURT AS REFERENCED ON PAGE 1.

This action came to trial or hearing before the court. The issues have been tried or heard and a decision rendered.



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And It Is So Ordered!

s/ Judge Charles B. Simmons, Jr. (3023)