

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF LONOKE COUNTY, ARKANSAS

STATE OF ARKANSAS

PLAINTIFF

VS.

NO. CR-97-9

HEATH STOCKS

DEFENDANT

LONOKE COUNTY  
ARKANSAS

STATE'S RESPONSE TO MOTION TO  
CONTROL PREJUDICIAL PUBLICITY

Comes the State of Arkansas, and for its response to the motion, states:

1. That it admits that the Defendant has been charged with three counts of capital murder. That the State of Arkansas denies the other allegations in paragraph 1. That the State of Arkansas denies the allegations in paragraphs 2 & 3 of this case.

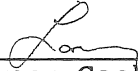
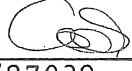
2. That the State would admit that the continued exposure of this case to the press would result in the press continuing to recount the history of this cause of action. That the State would deny the allegations in paragraphs 6 & 7 of the Motion.

3. That the State of Arkansas denies all allegations not specifically admitted herein.

4. Pleading affirmatively, that if a hearing is held on this Motion, it would just generate additional publicity for this cause of action. That the State of Arkansas is unaware of any publicity in this case since January 23, 1997. That a hearing on this Motion for additional activity would cause the press to again cover the story and disseminate the facts of this cause of action. That the motion is premature at this time and should be denied until further proceedings of this Court.



WHEREFORE, the State of Arkansas, prays that the Motion be denied and dismissed; and for all other proper relief.

Respectfully submitted,

   
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I have this 31 day of January, 1997, served the above and foregoing pleading upon Edgar Thompson at his address of P. O. Box 734, Cabot, Arkansas, 72023, and upon Mac Carder, Jr., at his address of Suite 201, 101 East Capitol, Little Rock, Arkansas, 72201, Attorneys for the Defendant, by placing a copy of same in the United States Mail with sufficient postage to insure delivery.

   
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LARRY K. COOK, #87039