

IN THE SUPREME COURT

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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*Shirley A. Johnson Legal*  
Clerk

CATHLEEN SMITH,  
Plaintiff and Appellee,

vs.

RICKY SMITH,  
Defendant and Appellant.

) ORDER DIRECTING ISSUANCE OF  
) JUDGMENT OF AFFIRMANCE  
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The Court having, pursuant to SDCL 15-26A-87.1(A), considered all of the briefs filed in the above-entitled matter, together with the appeal record, and having concluded that it is manifest on the face of the briefs and the record that the appeal is without merit on the ground that the issues on appeal are ones of judicial discretion and there clearly was not an abuse of discretion (SDCL 15-26A-87.1(A)(3)), now, therefore, it is

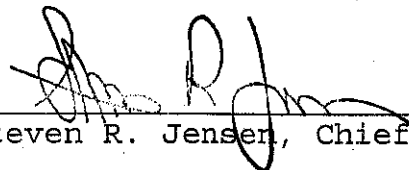
ORDERED that a judgment affirming the Judgment of the lower court be entered forthwith.

DATED at Pierre, South Dakota, this 2nd day of September, 2025.

BY THE COURT:

ATTEST:

  
Clerk of the Supreme Court  
(SEAL)

  
Steven R. Jensen, Chief Justice

PARTICIPATING: Chief Justice Steven R. Jensen and Justices Janine M. Kern,  
Mark E. Salter, Patricia J. DeVaney and Scott P. Myren.