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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY, ALABAMA

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
 CAROLYN K. DAVIS,
 Deceased.**

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CASE NO: PR-2025-002214

ORDER

This cause came before the Court for Hearing on September 22, 2025 on the Motion To Quash Subpoena and Motion To Limit Administrator's Authority filed on behalf of Daisha Renee Grice ("Ms. Grice"), an heir of the estate, by and through Yawanna N. McDonald, Esq., her attorney of record and the responses thereto filed on behalf of Larry Jerome Davis ("Mr. Davis" or "Personal Representative"), Personal Representative of the estate by and through Stephen F. Springfield, Esq., his attorney of record. Notice was given as required by law. Present in open court for the hearing were: Larry Jerome Davis, along with Stephen F. Springfield, Esq.; Daisha Renee Grice, along with Yawanna McDonald, Esq.; and Samantha B. Rush, Esq., attorney of record for Southern Energy Credit Union. The case was called and the court proceeded to consider the pleadings, evidence properly before the court and the arguments of counsel.

Motion to Limit Authority

It is undisputed that the Personal Representative has sent collection letters to multiple family members in what he claims is an attempt to collect what he claims to be debts due to the decedent. During her lifetime, it appears the Decedent made numerous monetary gifts to family members, including but not limited to: Mr. Davis, her surviving spouse; and Ms. Grice, her daughter. The Personal Representative did not include these "loans" in his initial inventory filed on August 11, 2025 but did include the following itemized "loans" in his Amended Inventory filed with the Court on August 21, 2025:

Debtor	Loan Asset
Daisha R. Grice	\$9,697.00
Diane Parker	\$2,902.00
Raven Smoot Lawrence	\$2,626.00
Remus Lamar Daniels	\$1,605.00
Timothy Edward Craig	\$3,602.00
Juya Samera King	\$250.00

The Personal Representative included copies of packets he sent to the alleged debtors each of which included: a Demand Letter For Payment, a Form Letter requesting payment; a copy of the Letters of Administration; a spreadsheet titled "Debts Owed To The Estate of Carolyn Davis"; copies of emails from Zelle transactions between the decedent and the alleged debtor. The Demand Letters sent by the Personal Representative indicate that a failure to pay the debt he claims is owed to the estate will result in legal action being taken. Ms. Grice claims that the Decedent routinely used Zelle to provide cash gifts or to make repayments to others including the

Personal Representative; and that friends and family members routinely transferred money among each other using Zelle. The Zelle transactions between the Decedent and the alleged debtors range from \$1.00 to \$750.00 and cover the time period from August 31, 2021 through April 3, 2025. Some of the transaction records evidenced monies being transferred not only from the Decedent to the alleged debtors but from the alleged debtors to the Decedent. The Personal Representative was unable to present the court with any evidence to support his claim that the Zelle money transfers were loans from the Decedent to the alleged debtors.


Motion to Quash Subpoena –

It appears from the evidence before the Court that the subpoena issued by the Personal Representative to Southern Energy Credit Union is for account records for accounts either jointly owned by the Decedent and her daughter, Ms. Grice, or accounts in the name of the Decedent that were payable upon death to her daughter, Ms. Grice.

Based upon the foregoing it is hereby ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED as follows:

1. The Letters of Administration issued to the Personal Representative by this Court on June 12, 2025 are due to be and hereby are REVOKED. Amended Letters of Administration shall be issued which limit the Personal Representative's authority in that the Personal Representative shall be required to seek court approval prior to the initiation of any litigation.
2. The Personal Representative shall, on any future accounting or final settlement filed with this court, denote any expenses/costs/fees/attorney's fees paid by him in relation to the collection packets sent by him to the alleged debtors referenced herein. These expenses/costs/fees/attorney's fees shall include but are not limited to costs for drafting of demand letters and cost of service of the packets by certified mail.
3. The Motion to Quash Subpoena issued to Southern Energy Credit Union is due to be and hereby is GRANTED. The Subpoena issued to Southern Energy Credit Union is QUASHED.
4. The Personal Representative shall, on any future accounting or final settlement filed with this court, denote any expenses/costs/fees/attorney's fees paid by him in relation to the subpoena issued by him to Southern Energy Credit Union.

DONE and ORDERED this the 26th day of September, 2025.


Allison S. Boyd
Judge of Probate

cc: Stephen F. Spingfield, Esq.
Yawanna N. McDonald, Esq.
Samantha B. Rush, Esq.
Travelers Casualty and Surety Company