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**Major Developments in the James Brown Estate Case**  
**~ Judge Says Tommie Rae Brown is the Wife and Legal Surviving Spouse ~**  
**~ DNA Test Proves a Second Time James Brown II is the Biological Son ~**

CHARLESTON, SC (January 26, 2015) – In a 46 page order, Judge Doyet A. Early III has confirmed that Tommie Rae Brown is the wife and surviving spouse of the musical icon, James Brown. His ruling resolves what has been a major contention with the parties involved in the estate of the “Godfather of Soul,” who died on Dec. 25, 2006. Additionally, a second court ordered DNA test has proven again that James Brown II is the biological son of the elder Brown.

Tommie Rae Brown married James Brown on Beech Island on Dec. 14, 2001. Lawyers for the court appointed estate representatives and the opposing parties disputed the legality of the marriage because they claim Mrs. Brown was already married at the time. Mrs. Brown obtained a legal annulment from the earlier marriage because of that spouse’s bigamous marriage to another woman. James Brown paid the fees for Mrs. Brown’s annulment and was kept informed about the results of that case. Judge Early agreed saying, “... the judgment annulling Mrs. Brown’s marriage... is binding upon all third parties, including Mr. Brown and his heirs.”

With regard to Mrs. Brown’s son, a second DNA test has confirmed that 13 year old James Brown II is James Brown’s biological son. In 2008, a DNA test proved that James Brown II was the biological son

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of James Brown. Another DNA test was done after the court appointed estate representatives challenged the paternity of the minor child and demanded that a second DNA test be performed. Mrs. Brown has always claimed that she and the international superstar shared a son, according to her attorney, Robert Rosen. “Mrs. Brown has a birth certificate that names James Brown as the young man’s father and he is the only one of James Brown’s children who carries his name. Additionally, James Brown, in his autobiography, recognizes James Brown II as his son,” said Mr. Rosen. “My team is disappointed that the Limited Special Administrator challenged the paternity of the teenager. However, with the results of this second paternity test, there should be no doubt in anyone’s mind that James Brown II is the biological son of James Brown.”

Rosen, along with Stephen Slotchiver, the Guardian Ad Litem for the younger Brown, wants the court to recognize Mrs. Brown and her son’s share in James Brown’s estate. “This 13 year old is a truly innocent party in this estate,” said Mr. Slotchiver. “He is not only growing up without his father, but he has received nothing since the day of his father’s death. James Brown II deserves to be acknowledged as a member of the Brown family and to be taken care of as his father’s child.”

Mrs. Brown and her son are residing in Nevada and are hopeful the estate of their loved one will be resolved in the immediate future so that they can put this chapter of their life behind them.

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