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**THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Court of Appeals**

South Carolina Department of Social Services,
Respondent,

v.

Angel Bates and James Bates, Defendants,

Of whom James Bates is the Appellant.

In the interest of minors under the age of eighteen.

Appellate Case No. 2015-000830

Appeal From Anderson County
Karen F. Ballenger, Family Court Judge

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AFFIRMED

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PER CURIAM: James Bates appeals the family court's final order terminating his parental rights to his minor children. See S.C. Code Ann. § 63-7-2570 (Supp. 2014). Upon a thorough review of the record and the family court's findings of facts and conclusions of law pursuant to *Ex parte Cauthen*, 291 S.C. 465, 354 S.E.2d 381 (1987), we find no meritorious issues that warrant briefing. Accordingly, we affirm the family court's ruling and relieve Bates's counsel.

AFFIRMED.¹

HUFF, WILLIAMS, and THOMAS, JJ., concur.

¹ We decide this case without oral argument pursuant to Rule 215, SCACR.