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## IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF NORTH CAROLINA No. COA16-1314

Filed: 3 October 2017

Wilson County, No. 15 CR 000117

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

v.

JULIUS MERCER, Defendant,

and

HERBERT WOODARD, Surety.

Appeal by Wilson County Board of Education from order entered 3 October 2016 by Judge John J. Covolo in District Court, Wilson County. Heard in the Court of Appeals 7 August 2017.

Schwartz & Shaw, P.L.L.C., by Kristopher L. Caudle and Rebecca M. Williams, for Wilson County Board of Education, Plaintiff-Appellant.

No brief for Julius Mercer, Defendant-Appellee.

No brief for Herbert Woodard, Defendant-Appellee Surety.

McGEE, Chief Judge.

## STATE V. CHESTNUT

## Opinion of the Court

This case is a companion case to COA16-1310, *State v. Chestnut*, filed contemporaneously with this opinion. *Chestnut* contains the facts and analysis relevant to this case. For the reasons stated in *Chestnut*, we vacate the order.

VACATED.

Judges TYSON and INMAN concur.

Report per Rule 30(e).