## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NORTH CAROLINA

No. 396A01

FILED: 7 MARCH 2002

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

V.

## BRYANT EDWARD WILLIAMS

Appeal pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 7A-30(2) from the decision of a divided panel of the Court of Appeals, 144 N.C.

App. 526, 548 S.E.2d 802 (2001), reversing and remanding a judgment entered 9 July 1999 by Haigwood, J., in Superior Court, Halifax County. Heard in the Supreme Court 11 February 2002.

Roy Cooper, Attorney General, by K.D. Sturgis, Assistant Attorney General, for the State-appellant.

Staples Hughes, Appellate Defender, by Constance E. Widenhouse, Assistant Appellate Defender, for defendant-appellee.

PER CURIAM.

AFFIRMED.