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

South Carolina Department of Social Services,
Respondent,

v.

Mashana Goodwin, Nathaniel Davis, and James
Williams, Defendants,

Of Whom James Williams is the Appellant.

In the interest of a minor child under the age of eighteen.

Appellate Case No. 2014-000573

Appeal From Spartanburg County
Rochelle Y. Conits, Family Court Judge

Unpublished Opinion No. 2014-UP-485
Submitted December 10, 2014 – Filed December 29, 2014

AFFIRMED

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W. Allen, L.L.C., of Laurens, for Appellant.

Deborah Murdock, of Murdock Law Firm, LLC, of
Mauldin, for Respondent.

Michael Todd Thigpen, of Spartanburg, for the Guardian
ad Litem.

PER CURIAM: James Williams appeals the family court's final order terminating his parental rights [TPR] to his minor child. *See* S.C. Code Ann. § 63-7-2570 (2010 & Supp. 2013). Upon a thorough review of the record and the family court's findings of fact 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.¹ Accordingly, we affirm the family court's ruling and grant counsel's petition to be relieved.

AFFIRMED.²

FEW, C.J., and THOMAS and LOCKEMY, JJ., concur.

¹ We find the family court properly terminated Williams's parental rights based on clear and convincing evidence he willfully failed to support and willfully failed to visit his minor child and TPR was in the minor child's best interest. *See Doe v. Baby Boy Roe*, 353 S.C. 576, 581, 578 S.E.2d 733, 736 (Ct. App. 2003) ("Having found *one ground* on which the family court properly terminated [the parent]'s parental rights, we need only determine that [TPR] is in [the child]'s best interests to affirm the family court's termination." (emphasis added)).

² We decide this case without oral argument pursuant to Rule 215, SCACR.