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

South Carolina Department of Social Services,
Respondent,

v.

Nikki Gardner-Trammel and Jeremy Gardner,
Defendants,

Of whom Jeremy Gardner is the Appellant.

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

Appellate Case No. 2016-001783

Appeal From Greenville County
Gwendlyne Y. Jones, Family Court Judge

Unpublished Opinion No. 2017-UP-063
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AFFIRMED

Vernon Bailey Atkins, III, of Atkins Law Firm, P.A., of
Greenville, for Appellant.

Andrew Troy Potter, of Anderson, for Respondent.

Robert A. Clark, of Greenville, for the Guardian ad
Litem.

PER CURIAM: Jeremy Gardner appeals the family court's final order terminating his parental rights to his minor child. *See* S.C. Code Ann. § 63-7-2570 (Supp. 2016). 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 Gardner's counsel.

AFFIRMED.¹

WILLIAMS, THOMAS, and GEATHERS, JJ., concur.

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