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

South Carolina Department of Social Services,
Respondent,

v.

Chrystalle Chante Lee, Brian Matthew Mastison, and
Nicholas Kenny, Defendants,

Of whom Brian Matthew Mastison is the Appellant.

In the interest of minors under the age of eighteen.

Appellate Case No. 2021-000390

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

Unpublished Opinion No. 2021-UP-326
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AFFIRMED

Robert Mills Ariail, Jr., of Law Office of R. Mills Ariail,
Jr., of Greenville, for Appellant.

Nima Fiuzat, of Clemson, as the Guardian ad Litem for
Appellant.

Andrew Troy Potter, of Anderson, for Respondent.

Kimberly Welchel Pease, of Seneca, for the Guardian ad
Litem for the minor child.

PER CURIAM: Brian Matthew Mastison appeals the family court's final order terminating his parental rights to his minor child. *See* S.C. Code Ann. § 63-7-2570 (Supp. 2020). 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 warrant briefing. Accordingly, we affirm the family court's ruling and relieve Mastison's counsel.

AFFIRMED.¹

KONDUROS, HILL, and HEWITT, JJ., concur.

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