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

South Carolina Department of Social Services,
Respondent,

v.

Dontrell Rufus and "John Doe," Defendants,

Of whom Dontrell Rufus is the Appellant.

In the interest of minors under the age of eighteen.

Appellate Case No. 2022-000314

Appeal From Richland County
Michelle M. Hurley, Family Court Judge

Unpublished Opinion No. 2022-UP-349
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AFFIRMED

Kimberly Yancey Brooks, of Kimberly Y. Brooks,
Attorney at Law, of Greenville, for Appellant.

Scarlet Bell Moore, of Greenville, for Respondent.

Angela L. Kohel, of Richland County CASA, of
Columbia, for the Guardian ad Litem.

PER CURIAM: Dontrell Rufus appeals the family court's final order terminating his parental rights to his minor children. *See* S.C. Code Ann. § 63-7-2570 (Supp. 2021). 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 Rufus's counsel.

AFFIRMED.¹

GEATHERS, MCDONALD, and HILL, JJ., concur.

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