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**THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In The Supreme Court**

The State, Respondent,

v.

Jody Lynn Ward, Petitioner.

Appellate Case No. 2021-000702

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ON WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from Georgetown County  
Larry B. Hyman, Jr., Circuit Court Judge

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Memorandum Opinion No. 2023-MO-001  
Heard November 16, 2022 – Filed January 4, 2023

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**CERTIORARI DISMISSED AS IMPROVIDENTLY  
GRANTED**

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**PER CURIAM:** We granted certiorari to review whether the court of appeals erred in affirming the circuit court's dismissal of Petitioner's Rule 29(b) motion for a new trial. *State v. Ward*, 2021-UP-184 (Ct. App. filed May 19, 2021). We now dismiss the writ as improvidently granted.

**DISMISSED AS IMPROVIDENTLY GRANTED.**

**BEATTY, C.J., KITTREDGE, HEARN, FEW and JAMES, JJ., concur.**