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

The State, Respondent,

v.

Gerard Newton, Appellant.

Appeal From Union County
John C. Hayes III, Circuit Court Judge

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APPEAL DISMISSED

Appellate Defender Breen Richard Stevens, of
Columbia, for Appellant.

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Attorney General John W. McIntosh, and Senior
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all of Columbia; and Solicitor Kevin S. Brackett, of York, for Respondent.

PER CURIAM: Gerard Newton appeals his convictions of distribution of cocaine and distribution of cocaine within proximity of a school, public park, or public playground, arguing the circuit court erred in denying his motion for a directed verdict. After a thorough review of the record and counsel's brief pursuant to Anders v. California, 386 U.S. 738 (1967), and State v. Williams, 305 S.C. 116, 406 S.E.2d 357 (1991), we dismiss¹ the appeal and grant counsel's motion to be relieved.

APPEAL DISMISSED.

WILLIAMS, THOMAS, and LOCKEMY, JJ., concur.

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