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

South Carolina Department of Social Services,
Respondent,

v.

Heather E. and Christopher B., Defendants,

Of whom Christopher B. is the Appellant,

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

Appellate Case No. 2013-001701

Appeal From Greenville County
Alex Kinlaw, Jr., Family Court Judge

Unpublished Opinion No. 2014-UP-106
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AFFIRMED

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Greenville, for Appellant.

Kaye Davis, of the South Carolina Department of Social
Services, of Greenville, for Respondent.

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

PER CURIAM: Christopher B. appeals the family court's final order terminating his parental rights to his minor child. *See* S.C. Code Ann. § 63-7-2570 (2010 & Supp. 2013). The court has thoroughly reviewed 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). Because we find the abandonment ground is met and termination of parental rights is in the best interest of the child, we find no meritorious issues that warrant briefing. Accordingly, we affirm the family court's ruling.

AFFIRMED.¹

WILLIAMS, KONDUROS, and LOCKEMY, JJ., concur.

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