THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Court of Appeals

Christine Crabtree, Respondent,

v.

Donald Clinton Crabtree, Appellant.

Appellate Case No. 2016-001362

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Appeal From Sumter County
George M. McFaddin, Jr., Family Court Judge

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AFFIRMED

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Harry C. Wilson, Jr., of Lee, Erter, Wilson, Holler & Smith, LLC, of Sumter, for Appellant.

Marian Dawn Nettles, of Nettles, Turbeville & Reddeck, of Lake City, and Michael W. Self, of McDougall, Self, Currence & McLeod, LLP, of Sumter, both for Respondent.

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PER CURIAM: Affirmed pursuant to Rule 220(b), SCACR, and the following authorities: *Frye v. Frye*, 323 S.C. 72, 75-76, 448 S.E.2d 586, 588 (Ct. App. 1994) (per curiam) (finding the issue of the father's contempt moot when the father

complied with the contempt order by paying certain medical bills); *Jordan v. Harrison*, 303 S.C. 522, 524, 402 S.E.2d 188, 189 (Ct. App. 1991) (finding the issue of the husband's contempt moot when the husband complied with the contempt order by paying his child support arrearages and a fine); *Chappell v. Chappell*, 282 S.C. 376, 377, 318 S.E.2d 590, 591 (Ct. App. 1984) ("Whe[n] one held in contempt for violation of a court order complies with the order, his compliance renders the question concerning whether he was in contempt academic or moot and precludes appellate review of the contempt proceedings."); *Miller v. Miller*, 375 S.C. 443, 463, 652 S.E.2d 754, 764 (Ct. App. 2007) ("Courts, by exercising their contempt power, can award attorney's fees under a compensatory contempt theory."); *id.* ("Compensatory contempt seeks to reimburse the party for the costs it incurs in forcing the non-complying party to obey the court's orders.").

AFFIRMED.[1]

WILLIAMS, THOMAS, and MCDONALD, JJ., concur.

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