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CITED OR RELIED ON AS PRECEDENT IN ANY PROCEEDING  
EXCEPT AS PROVIDED BY RULE 268(d)(2), SCACR.**

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

South Carolina Department of Social Services,  
Respondent,

v.

Brooke Jackson and Thomas Lockridge, Defendants,

and

Kristel Malagon Torres Colbert and Nicholas Dean  
Colbert, Intervenors/Respondents,

Of whom Thomas Lockridge is the Appellant,

and

Brooke Jackson is a Respondent.

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

Appellate Case No. 2023-000533

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Appeal From York County  
Kimaka Nichols-Graham, Family Court Judge

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**AFFIRMED**

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Andrew Troy Potter, of Anderson, for Respondent South Carolina Department of Social Services.

Brett Aaron Lonadier, of Stewart Law Offices, LLC, of Rock Hill, for the Guardian ad Litem.

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**PER CURIAM:** Thomas Lockridge appeals the family court's final order terminating his parental rights to his minor child. *See* S.C. Code Ann. § 63-7-2570 (Supp. 2022). 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 Lockridge's counsel.

**AFFIRMED.**<sup>1</sup>

**THOMAS, KONDUROS, and GEATHERS, JJ., concur.**

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<sup>1</sup> We decide this case without oral argument pursuant to Rule 215, SCACR.