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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.

Merritt Miller and Charles Wayne Parker, Jr.,  
Defendants,

Of whom Merritt Miller is the Appellant.

In the interest of a minor child under the age of 18.

Appellate Case No. 2023-001168

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Appeal From Anderson County  
Karen F. Ballenger, Family Court Judge

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**AFFIRMED**

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Jr., of Greenville, for Appellant.

Andrew Troy Potter, of Anderson, for Respondent.

Kimberly Welchel Pease, of Kimberly R. Welchel,  
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**PER CURIAM:** Merritt Miller appeals the family court's final order terminating her parental rights to her minor child. *See* S.C. Code Ann. § 63-7-2570 (Supp. 2023). 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.

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

**THOMAS, MCDONALD, and VERDIN, JJ., concur.**

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