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

Christopher Santiago, Petitioner,

v.

State of South Carolina, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2012-207568

ON WRIT OF CERTIORARI

Appeal From Beaufort County
Perry M. Buckner, III, Post-Conviction Relief Judge

Opinion No. 2015-UP-576
Submitted December 7, 2015 – Filed December 30, 2015

**CERTIORARI DISMISSED AS IMPROVIDENTLY
GRANTED**

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PER CURIAM: After careful consideration of the Appendix and briefs, we now dismiss the writ as improvidently granted.¹

DISMISSED AS IMPROVIDENTLY GRANTED.²

HUFF and THOMAS, JJ., and CURETON, A.J., concur.

¹ *See Ellison v. State*, 382 S.C. 189, 191, 676 S.E.2d 671, 672 (2009) (wherein our supreme court extended its decision in two cases to not entertain petitions for a writ of certiorari "to cases in which the Court of Appeals has issued an order denying a writ of certiorari in a PCR matter *and in cases in which the Court of Appeals initially issues an order granting a writ of certiorari in such matters but later issues an opinion dismissing the writ as improvidently granted* without further discussion of the case") (emphasis added).

² We decide this case without oral argument pursuant to Rule 215, SCACR.