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

South Carolina Department of Social Services,
Respondent,

v.

Connie Marie Moore and John Elton Lacey, Defendants,

Of whom John Elton Lacey is the Appellant.

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

Appellate Case No. 2019-001467

Appeal From Chesterfield County
Cely Anne Brigman, Family Court Judge

Unpublished Opinion No. 2020-UP-111
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AFFIRMED

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Hartsville, as Guardian ad Litem for Appellant.

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Bennettsville, for Respondent.

C. Heath Ruffner, of McLeod & Ruffner, of Cheraw, for
the Guardian ad Litem for the minor child.

PER CURIAM: John Elton Lacey appeals the family court's final order terminating his parental rights to his minor child. *See* S.C. Code Ann. § 63-7-2570 (Supp. 2019). 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 Lacey's counsel.

AFFIRMED.¹

HUFF, THOMAS, and MCDONALD, JJ., concur.

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