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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.

Jalesya Lofton, Nicholas Cook a/k/a Nickolous Cook,  
Defendants,

Of whom Nicholas Cook a/k/a Nickolous Cook is the  
Appellant.

In the interests of minors under the age of eighteen.

Appellate Case No. 2023-000217

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Appeal From Greenville County  
Rochelle Y. Conits, Family Court Judge

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**AFFIRMED**

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Jr., of Greenville, for Appellant.

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Services, of Greenville, for Respondent.

Robert A. Clark, of Greenville, for the Guardian ad  
Litem.

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**PER CURIAM:** Nicholas Cook appeals the family court's final order terminating his parental rights to his minor children. *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 Cook's counsel.

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

**MCDONALD and VINSON, JJ., and BROMELL HOLMES, A.J., concur.**

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