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**THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Supreme Court**

South Carolina Department of Social Services,
Respondent,

v.

Mattie Walls, Carley Jason Walls, Dwayne Anderson,
and Barbara Anderson, Defendants,

Of whom Mattie Walls is the Petitioner.

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

Appellate Case No. 2017-000477

ON WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal From Laurens County
The Honorable Joseph C. Smithdeal, Family Court Judge

Memorandum Opinion No. 2017-MO-019
Heard October 18, 2017 – Filed October 25, 2017

**CERTIORARI DISMISSED AS IMPROVIDENTLY
GRANTED**

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Greenwood, for Petitioner.

Scarlet Bell Moore, of Greenville, for Respondent.

PER CURIAM: We granted Mattie Walls' petition for a writ of certiorari to review the court of appeals' decision in *South Carolina Department of Social Services v. Mattie Walls*, No. 2016-UP-483 (S.C. Ct. App. Nov. 16, 2016). We now dismiss the writ as improvidently granted.¹

DISMISSED AS IMPROVIDENTLY GRANTED.

BEATTY, C.J., KITTREDGE, HEARN, FEW and JAMES, JJ., concur.

¹ Although we dismiss certiorari as improvidently granted, we note that we have reviewed the record *de novo* and find the grounds for terminating Petitioner's parental rights are supported by clear and convincing evidence.