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

The State,

Respondent,

v.

Taurus Watts,

Appellant.

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Appeal From Richland County  
J. Michelle Childs, Circuit Court Judge

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**AFFIRMED**

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Deputy Attorney General Donald Zelenka, Assistant  
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Columbia; and Solicitor Daniel E. Johnson, of  
Columbia, for Respondent.

**PER CURIAM:** Taurus Watts appeals his conviction of murder, arguing the trial court erred in refusing to declare a mistrial when (1) the State asked a witness if she was scared to talk to police because she was afraid her cooperation was going to get her killed, and (2) another witness testified he saw Watts's co-defendant in the "holding tank" the same day he saw Watts. We affirm<sup>1</sup> pursuant to Rule 220(b)(1), SCACR, and the following authorities: State v. White, 371 S.C. 439, 445, 639 S.E.2d 160, 163 (Ct. App. 2006) ("Generally, a curative instruction is deemed to have cured any alleged error."); State v. Wilson, 389 S.C. 579, 585-86, 698 S.E.2d 862, 865 (Ct. App. 2010) (holding a mistrial should be granted only when absolutely necessary and should only result when the defendant can show both error and resulting prejudice).

**AFFIRMED.**

**WILLIAMS, THOMAS, and LOCKEMY, JJ., concur.**

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