

**THIS OPINION HAS NO PRECEDENTIAL VALUE. IT SHOULD NOT BE  
CITED OR RELIED ON AS PRECEDENT IN ANY PROCEEDING  
EXCEPT AS PROVIDED BY RULE 268(d)(2), SCACR.**

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

The State, Respondent,

v.

Joseph Lathan Kelly, Appellant.

Appellate Case No. 2011-182646

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Appeal From Lexington County  
R. Knox McMahon, Circuit Court Judge

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**AFFIRMED**

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**PER CURIAM:** Affirmed pursuant to Rule 220(b), SCACR, and the following authorities: *State v. Hatcher*, 392 S.C. 86, 92, 708 S.E.2d 750, 753 (2011) ("[E]vidence [is] inadmissible only where there is a missing link in the chain of possession because the identity of those who handled the [substance] was not established at least as far as practicable." (citation and internal quotation marks omitted)); *State v. Horton*, 359 S.C. 555, 568, 598 S.E.2d 279, 286 (Ct. App. 2004) ("[W]here there is a weak link in the chain of custody, as opposed to a missing link, the question is only one of credibility and not admissibility.").

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

**SHORT, KONDUROS, and LOCKEMY, JJ., concur.**

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