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

South Carolina Department of Social Services,
Respondent,

v.

Donella Ray and James Ray, IV, Defendants,

Of whom James Ray, IV, is the Appellant.

In the interest of minors under the age of eighteen.

Appellate Case No. 2019-001147

Appeal From Lexington County
Robert E. Newton, Family Court Judge

Unpublished Opinion No. 2020-UP-011
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AFFIRMED

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Rebecca Marie Farmer, of South Carolina Department of
Social Services, of Lexington; and Scarlet Bell Moore, of
Greenville, both for Respondent.

Brett Lamb Stevens, of Stevens Law, LLC, of Columbia;
and Daun C. Steigner, of Hedrix & Steigner, of Cayce,
for the Guardian ad Litem.

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

AFFIRMED.¹

HUFF, WILLIAMS, and MCDONALD, JJ., concur.

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