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

South Carolina Department of Social Services,
Respondent,

v.

Heather Lynn Dean and Joseph Kasey, Defendants,

Of whom Joseph Kasey is the Appellant.

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

Appellate Case No. 2020-001396

Appeal From Horry County
Ronald R. Norton, Family Court Judge

Unpublished Opinion No. 2021-UP-170
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AFFIRMED

Harry A. Hancock, of Columbia, for Appellant.

Scarlet Bell Moore, of Greenville, for Respondent.

Michael Julius Schwartz, of Russell B. Long, PA; and
Heather Marie Moore, of Axelrod & Associates, PA, of
Myrtle Beach, for the Guardian ad Litem for the child.

Melanie Carol Nicholson, of Law Office of Melanie C. Nicholson, of North Myrtle Beach, Guardian ad Litem for the appellant.

PER CURIAM: Joseph Kasey appeals from the family court's final order terminating his parental rights to his minor child. *See* S.C. Code Ann. § 63-7-2570 (Supp. 2020). 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 Kasey's counsel.

AFFIRMED.¹

LOCKEMY, C.J., and HUFF, and HEWITT, JJ., concur.

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