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

The State, Respondent,

v.

Christopher Ryan Whitehead, Petitioner.

Appellate Case No. 2012-213683

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**ON WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE COURT OF APPEALS**

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Appeal from Kershaw County  
G. Thomas Cooper, Jr., Circuit Court Judge

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Memorandum Opinion No. 2015-MO-033  
Heard December 11, 2014 – Filed June 10, 2015

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**AFFIRMED AS MODIFIED**

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Respondent.

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**JUSTICE KITTREDGE:** We granted a writ of certiorari to review the court of appeals' unpublished opinion in *State v. Whitehead*, Op. No. 2012-UP-526 (S.C. Ct. App. filed Sept. 12, 2012). For the reasons set forth in *State v. McDonald*, 412 S.C. 133, 771 S.E.2d 840 (2015), we affirm as modified. While the admission of the codefendants' statements violated the Confrontation Clause,<sup>1</sup> in view of the overwhelming evidence of guilt, the error was harmless.

**AFFIRMED AS MODIFIED.**

**TOAL, C.J., PLEICONES, BEATTY and HEARN, JJ., concur.**

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<sup>1</sup> U.S. Const. amend. VI; see *Bruton v. United States*, 391 U.S. 123 (1968).