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

South Carolina Department of Social Services,
Respondent,

v.

Karen M. Gates and John F. Gibson, Jr., Defendants,

Of whom John F. Gibson, Jr. is the Appellant.

In the interests of minors under the age of eighteen.

Appellate Case No. 2023-001411

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

Unpublished Opinion No. 2024-UP-204
Submitted May 20, 2024 – Filed May 29, 2024

AFFIRMED

Harry A. Hancock, of Columbia, for Appellant.

Becky M. Farmer, of South Carolina Department of
Social Services, of Columbia, for Respondent.

Brett Lamb Stevens, of University of South Carolina
School of Law, of Columbia, for the Guardian ad Litem.

PER CURIAM: John F. Gibson, Jr. appeals the family court's final order terminating his parental rights to his minor children. *See* S.C. Code Ann. § 63-7-2570 (Supp. 2023). 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 Gibson's counsel.

AFFIRMED.¹

WILLIAMS, C.J., and KONDUROS and TURNER, JJ., concur.

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