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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**

South Carolina Department of Social Services,  
Respondent,

v.

Victoria Lace Sprinter Forte a/k/a Victoria Lace Deems,  
Joseph Gerald Slonski, and Enoch Joshua Forte,  
Defendants,

Of whom Enoch Joshua Forte is the Appellant.

In the interest of minors under the age of eighteen.

Appellate Case No. 2023-001915

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Appeal From Abbeville County  
Matthew P. Turner, Family Court Judge

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**AFFIRMED**

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Social Services, of Spartanburg, for Respondent.

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Litem.

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**PER CURIAM:** Enoch Joshua Forte 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 Forte's counsel.

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

**WILLIAMS, C.J., and THOMAS and KONDUROS, JJ., concur.**

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