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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA In The Court of Appeals

South Carolina Department of Social Services, Respondent,

v.

Brenda Faye Mize and David Mize, Defendants,

Of whom David Mize is the Appellant.

In the interest of minors under the age of eighteen.

Appellate Case No. 2018-002253

Appeal From Oconee County Karen F. Ballenger, Family Court Judge

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AFFIRMED

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PER CURIAM: David Mize 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 Mize's counsel.

AFFIRMED.¹

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

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