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

South Carolina Department of Social Services,  
Respondent,

v.

Patricia Annette Thompson and Brant Michael Brantley,  
Jr., Defendants,

Of whom Brant Michael Brantley, Jr. is the Appellant.

In the interest of minors under the age of eighteen.

Appellate Case No. 2021-000637

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Appeal From Greenville County  
Rochelle Y. Conits, Family Court Judge

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**AFFIRMED**

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Social Services, of Greenville, for Respondent.

Robert A. Clark, of Greenville, for the Guardian ad Litem.

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**PER CURIAM:** Brant Michael Brantley, Jr. appeals the family court's final order terminating his parental rights to his four minor children. *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 Brantley's counsel.

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

**WILLIAMS, A.C.J., MCDONALD, J., and LOCKEMY, A.J., concur.**

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