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

Russell W. Rice, Jr., Petitioner,

v.

State of South Carolina, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2014-002602

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

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Appeal From Greenville County  
Robin B. Stilwell, Circuit Court Judge.

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Opinion No. 2015-MO-069  
Heard November 5, 2015 – Filed December 2, 2015

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**CERTIORARI DISMISSED AS IMPROVIDENTLY  
GRANTED**

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**PER CURIAM:** We granted certiorari to review the court of appeals' opinion in *Rice v. State*, Op. No. 2014-UP-361 (S.C. Ct. App. filed Oct. 15, 2014). We now dismiss the writ of certiorari as improvidently granted.

**DISMISSED AS IMPROVIDENTLY GRANTED.**

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