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

The State, Respondent,

v.

Jody Lynn Ward, Petitioner.

Appellate Case No. 2021-000702

ON WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Georgetown County
Larry B. Hyman, Jr., Circuit Court Judge

Memorandum Opinion No. 2023-MO-001
Heard November 16, 2022 – Filed January 4, 2023

**CERTIORARI DISMISSED AS IMPROVIDENTLY
GRANTED**

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PER CURIAM: We granted certiorari to review whether the court of appeals erred in affirming the circuit court's dismissal of Petitioner's Rule 29(b) motion for a new trial. *State v. Ward*, 2021-UP-184 (Ct. App. filed May 19, 2021). We now dismiss the writ as improvidently granted.

DISMISSED AS IMPROVIDENTLY GRANTED.

BEATTY, C.J., KITTREDGE, HEARN, FEW and JAMES, JJ., concur.