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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**

The State, Respondent,

v.

Sharen Bailey, Appellant.

Appellate Case No. 2012-212618

Appeal From Sumter County
Howard P. King, Circuit Court Judge
George C. James, Jr., Circuit Court Judge

Unpublished Opinion No. 2013-UP-343
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AFFIRMED

Appellate Defender Robert M. Pachak, of Columbia, for
Appellant.

Attorney General Alan McCrory Wilson and Assistant
Attorney General John Benjamin Aplin, both of
Columbia, for Respondent.

PER CURIAM: Affirmed pursuant to Rule 220(b), SCACR, and the following
authorities: *State v. Ezell*, 321 S.C. 421, 425, 468 S.E.2d 679, 681 (Ct. App. 1996)

("A [jury] charge is sufficient if, when considered as a whole, it covers the law applicable to the case."); *id.* ("The judge properly instructs the jury if he adequately states the applicable law."); *State v. Jackson*, 301 S.C. 49, 50, 389 S.E.2d 654, 655 (1990) ("When a defendant is tried *in absentia*, the trial court should instruct the jury that the defendant's failure to appear may not be construed as an admission of guilt.").

AFFIRMED.¹

SHORT, THOMAS, and PIEPER, JJ., concur.

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