

The South Carolina Court of Appeals

The State, Respondent,

v.

Ruben Ramirez, Appellant.

Appellate Case No. 2025-000372

ORDER

On February 14, 2025, the circuit court sentenced Appellant and denied his request for credit for time served. On October 28, 2025, Appellant filed his amended initial brief and designation of matter, arguing the circuit court erred in denying him credit for time served. On November 3, 2025, Respondent filed a motion to dismiss this appeal as moot. Respondent agreed Appellant should have received credit for time served and provided information from the South Carolina Department of Corrections indicating Appellant "ha[d] *already* received the time served credit he is seeking to obtain through the present appeal." On November 13, 2025, Appellant filed a return, acknowledging it "appear[ed] that Appellant ha[d], in practical effect, received the relief he requested" in his amended initial brief. After careful consideration, we dismiss this appeal as moot. *See Mathis v. S.C. State Highway Dep't*, 260 S.C. 344, 346, 195 S.E.2d 713, 715 (1973) ("A case becomes moot when judgment, if rendered, will have no practical legal effect upon existing controversy. This is true when some event occurs making it impossible for reviewing Court to grant effectual relief."); *Byrd v. Irmo High Sch.*, 321 S.C. 426, 430, 468 S.E.2d 861, 864 (1996) ("Before any action can be maintained, there must exist a justiciable controversy."); *id.* at 431, 468 S.E.2d at 864 ("This Court will not pass on moot and academic questions or make an adjudication where there remains no actual controversy."). Remittitur will be sent in accordance with Rule 221(b) of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules.



J.

FOR THE COURT

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