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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**

In the Matter of the Care and Treatment of Patrick Guess,  
Appellant.

Appellate Case No. 2011-203688

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Appeal From Richland County  
Alison Renee Lee, Circuit Court Judge

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**AFFIRMED**

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Chief Appellate Defender Robert Michael Dudek, of  
Columbia, for Appellant.

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Assistant Deputy Attorney General Deborah R.J. Shupe,  
both of Columbia, for Respondent.

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**PER CURIAM:** Affirmed pursuant to Rule 220(b), SCACR, and the following authorities: *State v. Brannon*, 379 S.C. 487, 494, 666 S.E.2d 272, 275 (Ct. App. 2008) ("When ruling on a motion for a directed verdict, the trial court is concerned with the existence or nonexistence of evidence, not its weight."); *id.* ("When reviewing a denial of a directed verdict, an appellate court views evidence and all reasonable inferences in the light most favorable to the State."); S.C. Code Ann.

§ 44-48-30(1) (Supp. 2013) (defining a sexually violent predator as "a person who: (a) has been convicted of a sexually violent offense; and (b) suffers from a mental abnormality or personality disorder that makes the person likely to engage in acts of sexual violence if not confined in a secure facility for long-term control, care, and treatment"); S.C. Code Ann. § 44-48-30(9) (Supp. 2013) (providing the phrase "likely to engage in acts of sexual violence" means a "propensity to commit acts of sexual violence . . . of such a degree as to pose a menace to the health and safety of others").

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

**FEW, C.J., and PIEPER and KONDUROS, JJ., concur.**

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