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CITED OR RELIED ON AS PRECEDENT IN ANY PROCEEDING
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**THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Court of Appeals**

The State, Respondent,

v.

Melvin Presley Stukes, Appellant.

Appellate Case No. 2012-212628

Appeal From Richland County
DeAndrea G. Benjamin, Circuit Court Judge

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AFFIRMED

Appellate Defender Kathrine Haggard Hudgins, of
Columbia, for Appellant.

Attorney General Alan McCrory Wilson, Assistant
Attorney General Mary Shannon Williams, and Solicitor
Daniel Edward Johnson, all of Columbia, for
Respondent.

PER CURIAM: Affirmed pursuant to Rule 220(b), SCACR, and the following
authorities: *State v. Wharton*, 381 S.C. 209, 213, 672 S.E.2d 786, 788 (2009) ("A
trial court's decision regarding jury charges will not be reversed where the charges,

as a whole, properly charged the law to be applied."); *State v. Rayfield*, 369 S.C. 106, 117-18, 631 S.E.2d 244, 250 (2006) ("A trial [court] is not required to charge [section 16-3-657 of the South Carolina Code (2003)], but when the [trial court] chooses to do so, giving the charge does not constitute reversible error when this single instruction is not unduly emphasized and the charge as a whole comports with the law."); *State v. Hill*, 394 S.C. 280, 297-300, 715 S.E.2d 368, 378-79 (Ct. App. 2011) (holding it was not reversible error for the trial court to give the "no corroboration" jury instruction from section 16-3-657 when the instruction was not unduly emphasized and the jury charge as a whole comported with the law).

AFFIRMED.¹

FEW, C.J., and KONDUROS and LOCKEMY, JJ., concur.

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