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**THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Court of Appeals**

The State, Respondent,

v.

Phillip Monroe, Appellant.

Appellate Case No. 2013-000425

Appeal From Jasper County
Perry M. Buckner, Circuit Court Judge

Unpublished Opinion No. 2015-UP-044
Heard January 5, 2015 – Filed January 28, 2015

AFFIRMED

Appellate Defender Lara Mary Caudy, of Columbia, for
Appellant.

Attorney General Alan McCrory Wilson, and Senior
Assistant Deputy Attorney General Salley W. Elliott,
both of Columbia; and Solicitor Isaac McDuffie Stone,
III, of Bluffton, for Respondent.

PER CURIAM: In this appeal from two drug-related convictions, Phillip Monroe argues the trial court erred in denying his motion for a mistrial when a law enforcement officer twice mentioned during his testimony a polygraph

examination given to Monroe immediately before one of his confessions to the drug convictions but no results were introduced. We affirm pursuant to Rule 220(b), SCACR, and the following authorities: *State v. Johnson*, 334 S.C. 78, 90, 512 S.E.2d 795, 801 (1999) (holding "the mere inadvertent mention of the offer to take a polygraph" did not constitute reversible error); *Ellenburg v. State*, 367 S.C. 66, 69, 625 S.E.2d 224, 226 (2006) (concluding in ineffective assistance of counsel claim "the mere mention of a polygraph during testimony is not prejudicial where . . . no results are introduced into evidence"); *Bruno v. State*, 347 S.C. 446, 451-52, 556 S.E.2d 393, 396 (2001) (finding no prejudice in ineffective assistance of counsel claim when a polygraph was mentioned without elicitation by the State and no results were entered into evidence); *State v. Wilson*, 389 S.C. 579, 585-86, 698 S.E.2d 862, 865-66 (Ct. App. 2010) (affirming the denial of a mistrial even assuming the trial court erred because the defendant did not prove prejudice).

AFFIRMED.

HUFF, SHORT, AND KONDUROS, JJ., concur.