

# The Supreme Court of South Carolina

Damon Jones, Petitioner,

v.

State of South Carolina, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2014-001291

Lower Court Case No. 2010-CP-42-6623

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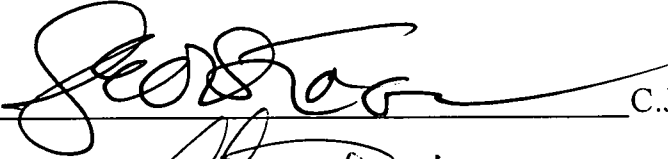
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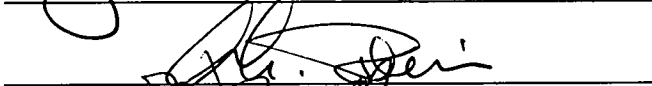
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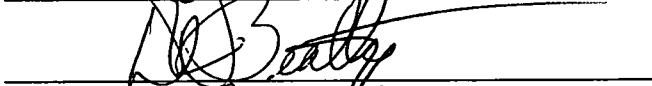
This matter is before the Court on a petition for a writ of certiorari. Petitioner claims he was denied the opportunity to present his claim of juror misconduct because the circuit court judge limited his examination of the juror and erred in finding other testimony on the issue was inadmissible. We agree that petitioner was entitled to further examination of the juror and the ruling on the admissibility of other evidence was premature. However, we note evidence of statements made during the jury's deliberations are inadmissible. *See* Rule 606(b), SCRE.

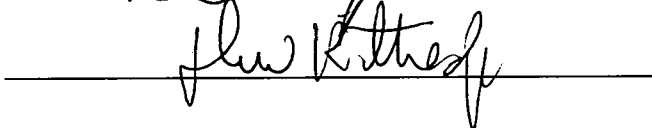
Accordingly, we grant the petition, dispense with further briefing, and remand to the circuit court to allow petitioner the opportunity to present evidence in support of his claim of juror misconduct, in accordance with the South Carolina Rules of Evidence and South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure.

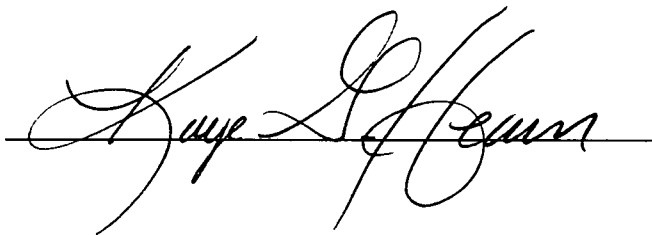


  
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