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NOT BE 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 Supreme Court**

Russell W. Rice, Jr., Petitioner,

v.

State of South Carolina, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2014-002602

ON WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal From Greenville County
Robin B. Stilwell, Circuit Court Judge.

Opinion No. 2015-MO-069
Heard November 5, 2015 – Filed December 2, 2015

**CERTIORARI DISMISSED AS IMPROVIDENTLY
GRANTED**

Appellate Defender Robert M. Pachak, of Columbia, for
Petitioner.

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and John Walter Whitmire, of McCabe, Trotter &
Beverly, P.C., all of Columbia, for Respondent.

PER CURIAM: We granted certiorari to review the court of appeals' opinion in *Rice v. State*, Op. No. 2014-UP-361 (S.C. Ct. App. filed Oct. 15, 2014). We now dismiss the writ of certiorari as improvidently granted.

DISMISSED AS IMPROVIDENTLY GRANTED.

**TOAL, C.J., PLEICONES, BEATTY, KITTREDGE and HEARN, JJ.,
concur.**