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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 Supreme Court**

The State, Respondent,

v.

James Allen Johnson, Petitioner.

Appellate Case No. 2016-000072

ON WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal From Greenville County
The Honorable G. Edward Welmaker, Circuit Court
Judge

Memorandum Opinion No. 2017-MO-009
Heard April 13, 2017 – Filed May 24, 2017

AFFIRMED

Appellate Defender David Alexander, of Columbia, for
Petitioner.

Attorney General Alan Wilson, Chief Deputy Attorney
General Robert Bolchoz, Senior Assistant Attorney
General J. Benjamin Aplin, and Assistant Attorney
General Susannah R. Cole, all of Columbia; and Solicitor

William W. Wilkins, III, of Greenville, all for
Respondent.

PER CURIAM: The court of appeals' opinion, *State v. Johnson*, Op. No. 2015-UP-378 (S.C. Ct. App. filed July 29, 2015), is affirmed pursuant to Rule 220(b)(1), SCACR, because Petitioner's argument that the trial court erred in admitting his incriminating statements is not preserved for our review. *See S.C. Dep't of Transp. v. First Carolina Corp. of S.C.*, 372 S.C. 295, 302, 641 S.E.2d 903, 907 (2007) (stating to preserve an issue at trial for appellate review, the issue must be: (1) raised to and ruled upon by the trial court; (2) raised by the appellant; (3) raised in a timely manner; and (4) raised to the trial court with sufficient specificity). Therefore, we do not address the merits of Petitioner's argument.

AFFIRMED.

BEATTY, C.J., KITTREDGE, FEW, JAMES, JJ., and Acting Justice Maite D. Murphy, concur.