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The Honorable Lynn W. Lancaster
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REMITTITUR

Re: The State v. Bennie Ray Brown, Jr.
Lower Court Case No. 2011-GS-30-01523, 1524, 1525, 1526,
1527, 1528, 1529 and 1692
Appellate Case No. 2016-001597

Dear Clerk of Court:

The above referenced matter is hereby remitted to the lower court or tribunal. A copy of the judgment of this Court is enclosed.

Very truly yours,

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The Supreme Court of South Carolina

The State, Respondent,

v.

Bennie Ray Brown, Jr., Appellant.

Appellate Case No. 2016-001597
Lower Court Case Nos. 2011-GS-30-01523, 2011-GS-30-01524, 2011-GS-30-01525, 2011-GS-30-01526, 2011-GS-30-01527, 2011-GS-30-01528, 2011-GS-30-01529, 2011-GS-30-01692

ORDER

Appellant was convicted of two counts of murder and possession of a weapon during the commission of a violent crime and received two consecutive sentences of life without parole. His direct appeal is currently pending before this Court. Respondent now moves to dismiss the appeal as moot due to the death of appellant on January 12, 2018. The motion to dismiss the appeal is granted. *State v. Anderson*, 281 S.C. 198, 314 S.E.2d 597 (1984) (the death of a criminal appellant, prior to the disposition of his appeal, abates that appeal and constitutes grounds for its dismissal).



FOR THE COURT C.J.

Columbia, South Carolina

March 12, 2018

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