

The South Carolina Court of Appeals

The State, Respondent,

v.

Eddie Casey Jay Gaskins, Appellant.

Appellate Case No. 2017-002596

ORDER

This direct appeal arises out of the appellant's challenge to his conviction and sentence. The case is now moot due to the death of the appellant. Accordingly, the appeal is dismissed. *See State v. Anderson*, 281 S.C. 198, 199, 314 S.E.2d 597, 597 (1984) (holding the death of a criminal appellant prior to disposition of the appeal abates the appeal and constitutes grounds for dismissal); *Sloan v. Greenville Cnty.*, 380 S.C. 528, 535, 670 S.E.2d 663, 667 (Ct. App. 2009) ("A case becomes moot when judgment, if rendered, will have no practical legal effect upon the existing controversy."). Based upon this disposition, we decline to rule on the appellant's request for an extension of time to file the appellant's initial brief and designation of matter. The remittitur will be sent pursuant to Rule 221(b) of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules.


FOR THE COURT

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