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**THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Supreme Court**

The State, Respondent,

v.

James Kevin Bethel, Jr., Petitioner.

Appellate Case No. 2017-000096

ON WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Richland County
Deadra L. Jefferson, Circuit Court Judge

Memorandum Opinion No. 2018-MO-022
Heard May 23, 2018 – Filed May 30, 2018

DISMISSED AS IMPROVIDENTLY GRANTED

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Respondent.

PER CURIAM: We issued a writ of certiorari to review the decision of the court of appeals in *State v. Bethel*, Op. No. 2016-UP-473 (S.C. Ct. App. filed Nov. 9, 2016). We now dismiss the writ as improvidently granted.

DISMISSED AS IMPROVIDENTLY GRANTED.

KITTREDGE, Acting Chief Justice, HEARN, FEW, JAMES, JJ., and Acting Justice James E. Lockemy, concur.