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

The State, Respondent,

v.

Wayland Purnell, Petitioner.

Appellate Case No. 2017-001920

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**ON WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE COURT OF APPEALS**

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Appeal from Richland County  
Clifton Newman, Circuit Court Judge

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Opinion No. 2019-MO-032  
Heard January 31, 2019 – Filed July 24, 2019

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**CERTIORARI DISMISSED AS IMPROVIDENTLY  
GRANTED**

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Petitioner.

Attorney General Alan Wilson and Assistant Attorney  
General Vann Henry Gunter, Jr. and Interim Solicitor  
Heather S. Weiss, all of Columbia, for Respondent.

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**PER CURIAM:** We granted Wayland Purnell's petition for a writ of certiorari to review the court of appeals' decision in *State v. Purnell*, Op. No. 2017-UP-272 (S.C. Ct. App. filed July 5, 2017). We now dismiss the writ as improvidently granted.

**DISMISSED AS IMPROVIDENTLY GRANTED.**

**BEATTY, C.J., HEARN, FEW and JAMES, JJ., and Acting Justice Paul E. Short, concur.**