

# The South Carolina Court of Appeals

The State, Respondent,

v.

William T. Watts, II, Appellant.

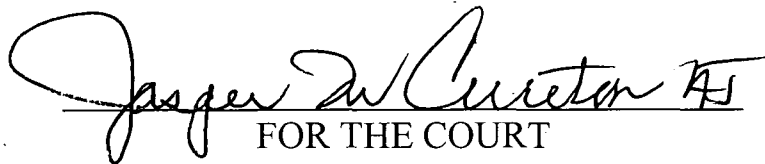
Appellate Case No. 2013-000177

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## ORDER

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Appellant has attempted to appeal "the competency hearing" where the circuit court found Appellant was "not competent" to stand trial at this time. Respondent has filed a motion to dismiss, stating the ruling is not immediately appealable. After careful consideration, Appellant's motion to dismiss is granted. *See State v. Miller*, 289 S.C. 426, 426, 346 S.E.2d 705, 705 (1986) ("In South Carolina, a criminal defendant may not appeal until sentence has been imposed."); *State v. Dingle*, 279 S.C. 278, 282, 306 S.E.2d 223, 225 (1983) (holding the pre-trial commitment of a person the custody of the South Carolina Department of Mental Health for evaluation is not immediately appealable).

  
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