

In the Supreme Court of the United States

DANIEL SMALLS,

Petitioner.

v.

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

and TARA PARKER,

Respondents.

APPENDIX

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(submitted April 1, 2025 – Filed May 14, 2025)**

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2025)**

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THIS OPINION HAS NO PRECEDENTIAL VALUE. IT SHOULD NOT BE CITED OR RELIED ON AS PRECEDENT IN ANY PROCEEDING EXCEPT AS PROVIDED BY RULE 268(d)(2), SCACR.

**THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Court of Appeals**

South Carolina Department of Social Services and Tara Parker, Respondents,

v.

Daniel Smalls, Appellant.

Appellate Case No. 2023-001195

Appeal From Beaufort County
Douglas L. Novak, Family Court Judge

Unpublished Opinion No. 2025-UP-163
Submitted April 1, 2025 – Filed May 14, 2025

AFFIRMED

Daniel Smalls, of Beaufort, pro se.

Paul Fredrick LeBarron, of North Charleston; and Harry O. Shaw, III, of Charleston, both for Respondent South Carolina Department of Social Services.

Tara Parker, of Beaufort, pro se.

PER CURIAM: Daniel Smalls, pro se, appeals a family court order establishing his paternity of Tara Parker's minor child (Child) and ordering he pay child

support. On appeal, Smalls argues the family court erred in (1) failing to dismiss the order for lack of *in personam* jurisdiction and (2) holding he was Child's legal father without first establishing *in personam* jurisdiction. We affirm pursuant to Rule 220(b), SCACR.

We hold Smalls failed to provide a sufficient record in order for the court to determine whether the court lacked personal jurisdiction due to alleged improper service. *See Hamilton v. Greyhound Lines East*, 281 S.C. 442, 444, 316 S.E.2d 368, 369 (1984) ("The appealing party has the burden of furnishing a sufficient record from which this court can make an intelligent review."); Rule 210(h), SCACR ("[T]he appellate court will not consider any fact which does not appear in the [r]ecord on [a]ppeal."). Because we affirm the family court's finding regarding service and personal jurisdiction, we decline to address Smalls's remaining argument. *See Futch v. McAllister Towing of Georgetown, Inc.*, 335 S.C. 598, 613, 518 S.E.2d 591, 598 (1999) (declining to address remaining issues when resolution of a different issue was dispositive).

AFFIRMED.¹

KONDUROS, McDONALD, and VINSON, JJ., concur.

¹ We decide this case without oral argument pursuant to Rule 215, SCACR.

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The South Carolina Court of Appeals

South Carolina Department of Social Services and Tara Parker, Respondents,

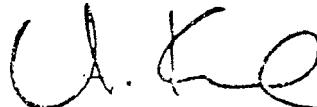
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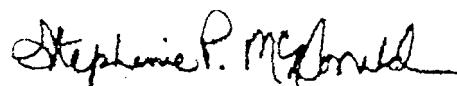
Appellate Case No. 2023-001195

ORDER

After careful consideration of the petition for rehearing, the court is unable to discover that any material fact or principle of law has been either overlooked or disregarded, and hence, there is no basis for granting a rehearing. Accordingly, the petition for rehearing is denied.



J.



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J.

Columbia, South Carolina

cc:

Daniel Smalls

Harry O. Shaw, III, Esquire

Paul Fredrick LeBarron, Esquire

Tara Parker

The Honorable Douglas L. Novak

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May 30 2025

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The Supreme Court of South Carolina

South Carolina Department of Social Services and Tara Parker, Respondents,

v.

Daniel Smalls, Petitioner.

Appellate Case No. 2025-001104

ORDER

Based on the vote of the Court, the petition for a writ of certiorari is denied.

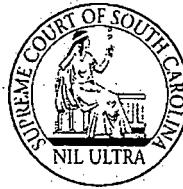
FOR THE COURT

BY Patricia Howard
CLERK

Columbia, South Carolina
August 13, 2025

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August 25, 2025

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Re: SCDSS v. Daniel Smalls
Appellate Case No. 2025-001104

Dear Mr. Smalls:

This acknowledges receipt of your petition for rehearing. Pursuant to Rule 221 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules (SCACR), "no petition for rehearing shall be allowed from an order denying a petition for a writ of certiorari under Rule 242, SCACR." Accordingly, no action will be taken on your petition for rehearing.

Very truly yours,

Patricia A. Howard

CLERK

cc: Harry O. Shaw, III
Paul Fredrick LeBarron
Tara Parker
The Honorable Jenny A. Kitchings

Appendix D

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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APPENDIX OF KEY RECORD CITATIONS

(Hearing of June 26, 2023)

Topic	Transcript Page & Lines	Exact Quoted Excerpt	Argument / Significance
Paternity Not Established	p. 8, lines 9–13	Paternity has not been established... Parties were divorced in 2010. This child was born in 2012.	Department's admission defeats jurisdiction under § 63-17-20(A) and UIFSA.
Improper Service Admission	p. 12, lines 3–19	I do not have the actual service document, I do have a signed notice of hearing... Petitioner: I was never served personally. Service was on my daughter.	Counsel lacked proof of proper service; service on a non-resident adult daughter is defective under Rule 4(d).
Reliance Solely on Mother's Testimony	p. 10, lines 16–23	MR. LEBARRON: Did such occur with Mr. Smalls? MS. PARKER: Yes, sir. MR. LEBARRON: Was there possibility of any other individual... MS. PARKER: No, sir.	Uncorroborated testimony cannot establish paternity; no documentary or forensic evidence provided.

Refusal to Consent to DNA Test	p. 9, lines 1-8	MR. SMALLS: I'm not -- I'm not consenting to any of this. None of it.	Declining testing is not proof of paternity; Court misapplied burden of proof. South Carolina requires competent evidence of paternity (Little v. Little, 290 S.C. 405, 351 S.E.2d 846 (Ct. App. 1986)). Refusal to test cannot establish paternity without corroborating evidence (Ex parte Jenkins, 723 So. 2d 649 (Ala. 1998); Dept. of HRS v. Privette, 617 So. 2d 305 (Fla. 1993)). Due process requires proper procedures and proof (Stanley v. Illinois, 405 U.S. 645 (1972)). At most, refusal may allow an adverse inference, but not substitute for proof (Ex parte C.A.P., 683 So. 2d 1010 (Ala. 1996)).
Removal from Court	p. 15, lines 1-4	THE COURT: Will you have Mr. Small removed from the courtroom	Removal during jurisdictional objection is a structural due