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Appeal pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 7A-30(2) from the decision of a divided panel of the Court of Appeals, 181 N.C. App. 18, 638 S.E.2d 644 (2007), dismissing as moot an appeal from an order entered 25 August 2005 by Judge Shelly S. Holt in District Court, New Hanover County. Heard in the Supreme Court 12 April 2007.

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PER CURIAM

## Slip Opinion

On the issue of whether more than one incident of harassment is required before a trial court can enter a civil no-contact order under N.C.G.S. § 50C-1(6), the members of the Court are equally divided, with three members voting to affirm and three members voting to reverse. Accordingly, the decision of the Court of Appeals is affirmed without precedential value. See *State v. Harrison*, 360 N.C. 394, 627 S.E.2d 461 (2006); *Crawford v. Commercial Union Midwest Ins. Co.*, 356 N.C. 609, 572 S.E.2d 781 (2002).

The decision of the Court of Appeals that an appeal related to a civil no-contact order is moot once the order expires is reversed. See *In re A.K.*, 360 N.C. 449, 628 S.E.2d 753 (2006).

AFFIRMED IN PART; REVERSED IN PART.

Justice HUDSON did not participate in the consideration or decision of this case.