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IN THE
ARIZONA COURT OF APPEALS
DIVISION ONE

STATE OF ARIZONA, *Respondent*,

v.

HOWARD JAMELL SMITH, *Petitioner*.

No. 1 CA-CR 17-0377 PRPC
FILED 1-25-2018

Petition for Review from the Superior Court in Maricopa County
No. CR2012-155437-001 DT
The Honorable Jacki Ireland, Judge *Pro Tempore*

REVIEW GRANTED; RELIEF DENIED

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Petitioner

MEMORANDUM DECISION

Presiding Judge Lawrence F. Winthrop, Judge Jennifer B. Campbell, and Judge Paul J. McMurdie delivered the decision of the Court.

PER CURIAM:

¶1 Petitioner Howard Jamell Smith seeks review of the superior court's order denying his petition for post-conviction relief, filed pursuant to Arizona Rule of Criminal Procedure 32.1. This is petitioner's third successive petition.

¶2 Absent an abuse of discretion or error of law, this court will not disturb a superior court's ruling on a petition for post-conviction relief. *State v. Gutierrez*, 229 Ariz. 573, 577, ¶ 19 (2012). It is petitioner's burden to show that the superior court abused its discretion by denying the petition for post-conviction relief. *See State v. Poblete*, 227 Ariz. 537, 538, ¶ 1 (App. 2011) (petitioner has burden of establishing abuse of discretion on review).

¶3 We have reviewed the record in this matter, the superior court's order denying the petition for post-conviction relief, and the petition for review. We find that petitioner has not established an abuse of discretion.

¶4 We grant review and deny relief.



AMY M. WOOD • Clerk of the Court
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