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IN THE  
**ARIZONA COURT OF APPEALS**  
DIVISION ONE

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STATE OF ARIZONA, *Respondent*,

*v.*

PAUL LAVON HAMILTON, *Petitioner*.

No. 1 CA-CR 14-0855 PRPC  
FILED 11-29-2016

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Petition for Review from the Superior Court in Maricopa County  
No. CR2011-126363-001  
The Honorable Margaret R. Mahoney, Judge

**REVIEW GRANTED; RELIEF DENIED**

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*Petitioner*

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**MEMORANDUM DECISION**

Judge Peter B. Swann delivered the decision of the court, in which Presiding Judge Andrew W. Gould and Judge Patricia A. Orozco joined.

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**S W A N N**, Judge:

¶1 Paul Lavon Hamilton petitions for review of the summary dismissal of his petition for post-conviction relief. We grant review but deny relief.

¶2 Hamilton pled guilty to first-degree murder, kidnapping, and threatening or intimidating, and was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of release. Hamilton thereafter filed a petition for post-conviction relief alleging claims of ineffective assistance of counsel and invalid waiver of rights.

¶3 In summarily dismissing the petition, the superior court issued a ruling that clearly identified, fully addressed, and correctly resolved the claims. In these circumstances, we need not repeat that court's analysis here; instead, we adopt it. See *State v. Whipple*, 177 Ariz. 272, 274 (App. 1993) (holding that when the superior court rules "in a fashion that will allow any court in the future to understand the resolution[, n]o useful purpose would be served by this court rehashing the trial court's correct ruling in a written decision").

¶4 Accordingly, though we grant review, we deny relief.



AMY M. WOOD • Clerk of the Court  
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