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UNDER ARIZONA RULE OF THE SUPREME COURT 111(c), THIS DECISION IS NOT PRECEDENTIAL  
AND MAY BE CITED ONLY AS AUTHORIZED BY RULE.

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

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STATE OF ARIZONA, *Respondent*,

*v.*

AHMAL DUSHAWN STOUTE, *Petitioner*.

No. 1 CA-CR 17-0399 PRPC  
FILED 3-13-2018

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Petition for Review from the Superior Court in Maricopa County  
No. CR1994-005017  
The Honorable Dean M. Fink, Judge

**REVIEW GRANTED; RELIEF DENIED**

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Ahmal Dushawn Stoute, Florence  
*Petitioner*

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**MEMORANDUM DECISION**

Presiding Judge Lawrence F. Winthrop, Judge Jennifer B. Campbell, and  
Chief Judge Samuel A. Thumma delivered the decision of the Court.

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STATE v. STOUTE  
Decision of the Court

PER CURIAM:

¶1 Petitioner Ahmal Dushawn Stoute 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 but deny relief.



AMY M. WOOD • Clerk of the Court  
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