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UNDER ARIZONA RULE OF THE SUPREME COURT 111(c), THIS DECISION IS NOT PRECEDENTIAL  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.*

STEPHEN LESLIE BROWN, *Petitioner*.

No. 1 CA-CR 17-0734 PRPC  
FILED 4-17-2018

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Petition for Review from the Superior Court in Maricopa County  
No. CR2014-109882-001  
The Honorable Peter C. Reinstein, Judge

**REVIEW GRANTED; RELIEF DENIED**

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Stephen Leslie Brown, Florence  
*Petitioner*

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**MEMORANDUM DECISION**

Presiding Judge Jon W. Thompson, Judge Peter B. Swann, and Judge James  
P. Beene delivered the decision of the Court.

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STATE v. BROWN  
Decision of the Court

**PER CURIAM:**

¶1 Petitioner Stephen Leslie Brown 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 the petitioner's first not-of-right petition for post-conviction relief.

¶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, 576-77, ¶ 19 (2012). It is the petitioner's burden to show that the superior court abused its discretion in denying the petition. *See State v. Poblete*, 227 Ariz. 537, 538, ¶ 1 (App. 2011).

¶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 shown an abuse of discretion.

¶4 Accordingly, we grant review and deny relief.



AMY M. WOOD • Clerk of the Court  
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