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UNDER ARIZONA RULE OF THE SUPREME COURT 111(c), THIS DECISION IS NOT PRECEDENTIAL
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IN THE
ARIZONA COURT OF APPEALS
DIVISION ONE

STATE OF ARIZONA, *Respondent*,

v.

STEPHEN GRANT MERRILL, *Petitioner*.

No. 1 CA-CR 17-0775 PRPC
FILED 5-15-2018

Appeal from the Superior Court in Maricopa County
No. CR2012-116325-001; CR2012-116840-001
The Honorable M. Scott McCoy, Judge

REVIEW GRANTED; RELIEF DENIED

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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.

PER CURIUM:

¶1 Petitioner Stephen Grant Merrill 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.

¶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.



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