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

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STATE OF ARIZONA, *Respondent*,

*v.*

STEPHEN FRANK KARBAN, *Petitioner*.

No. 1 CA-CR 18-0483 PRPC  
FILED 9-25-2018

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Petition for Review from the Superior Court in Maricopa County  
No. CR2005-011629-001  
The Honorable Joan M. Sinclair, Judge

**REVIEW GRANTED; RELIEF DENIED**

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*Petitioner*

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**MEMORANDUM DECISION**

Presiding Judge Kenton D. Jones, Vice Chief Judge Peter B. Swann, and  
Judge David D. Weinzweig delivered the decision of the Court.

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STATE v. KARBAN  
Decision of the Court

**PER CURIAM:**

¶1 Stephen Karban seeks review of the superior court's order dismissing his petition for post-conviction relief, filed pursuant to Arizona Rule of Criminal Procedure 32.1. This is the petitioner's first 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, 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 the petitioner has not shown any abuse of discretion.

¶4 Accordingly, we grant review and deny relief.



AMY M. WOOD • Clerk of the Court  
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