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UNDER ARIZONA RULE OF THE SUPREME COURT 111(c), THIS DECISION IS NOT PRECEDENTIAL  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

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STATE OF ARIZONA, *Respondent*,

*v.*

LAWRENCE E. HAND, *Petitioner*.

No. 1 CA-CR 21-0175 PRPC  
FILED 9-30-2021

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Petition for Review from the Superior Court in Apache County  
No. S0100CR201500188  
The Honorable Robert J. Higgins, Judge (Retired)

**REVIEW GRANTED AND RELIEF DENIED**

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APPEARANCES

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Lawrence E. Hand, Florence  
*Petitioner*

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**MEMORANDUM DECISION**

Presiding Judge Randall M. Howe, Judge Brian Y. Furuya, and Judge Michael J. Brown delivered the decision of the Court.

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**PER CURIAM:**

¶1 Petitioner Lawrence E. Hand 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 first 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 For the foregoing reasons, we grant review and deny relief.



AMY M. WOOD • Clerk of the Court  
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