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IN THE
ARIZONA COURT OF APPEALS
DIVISION ONE

STATE OF ARIZONA, *Respondent*,

v.

FRANK G. KITKO, JR., *Petitioner*.

No. 1 CA-CR 21-0316 PRPC
FILED 12-2-2021

Petition for Review from the Superior Court in Maricopa County
No. CR2015-002647-001
The Honorable Mark H. Brain, Judge

REVIEW GRANTED; RELIEF DENIED

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Petitioner

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MEMORANDUM DECISION

Presiding Judge Cynthia J. Bailey, Judge Jennifer M. Perkins and Judge Maria Elena Cruz delivered the decision of the Court.

PER CURIAM:

¶1 Petitioner Frank G. Kitko, Jr. seeks review of the superior court's order denying his petition for post-conviction relief. 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, 278 P.3d 1276, 1280 (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, ¶ 1, 260 P.3d 1102, 1103 (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 and deny relief.



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