August 12, 2002

N440 Mr. Rodney V. Hitchens Delaware Correctional Center 1181 Paddock Road Smyrna, DE 19977

> RE: Case No. 86-05-00174, 0175 (R4) Defendant ID No. 86S10105DI

Dear Mr. Hitchens:

On August 7, 2002, your filed your fourth motion for postconviction relief.

For the background of your case, I referred to my letter to you of March 24, 2000 when your third motion for postconviction relief was denied, as it was procedurally barred.

In the present application, you make sixteen separate complaints as to why you should obtain relief. Most of them are conclusory.

The present petition is again denied as it is barred under Rule 61(i)(1) in that it has been fourteen (14) years since your conviction was affirmed on direct appeal by the Supreme Court. It is barred under Rule 61(i)(2) in that it is a repetitive motion; and as to the extent that you wish to re-plow old ground, it is barred under Rule 61(i)(4) which is the bar of former adjudication.

Defendant's fourth Motion for Postconviction Relief is denied as being procedurally barred.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Yours very truly,

T. Henley Graves

THG:baj

cc: Prothonotary

Department of Justice