IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

RODNEY HITCHENS,	§
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Defendant Below-	§ No. 487, 2002
Appellant,	Ş
	§ Court Below—Superior Court
V.	§ of the State of Delaware,
	§ in and for Sussex County
STATE OF DELAWARE,	§ Cr.A. No. IN86-05-0174 and
	§ -0175
Plaintiff Below-	§ Cr. ID. 86S10105DI
Appellee.	§

Submitted: October 7, 2002 Decided: October 18, 2002

Before HOLLAND, BERGER, and STEELE, Justices.

<u>ORDER</u>

This 18^{th} day of October 2002, after careful consideration of the appellant's opening brief and the State's motion to affirm, we find it manifest that the judgment of the Superior Court should be affirmed on the basis of the Superior Court=s well-reasoned decision dated August 12, 2002. The Superior Court did not err in concluding that Hitchens' motion for postconviction relief was procedurally barred by Superior Court Criminal Rules 61(i)(1), 61(i)(2), and 61(i)(4) and that Hitchens had failed to overcome these procedural hurdles.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the judgment of the Superior Court is AFFIRMED.

BY THE COURT:

<u>/s/ Carolyn Berger</u> Justice