

The South Carolina Court of Appeals

John H. Bridges, Petitioner,

v.

State of South Carolina, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2019-001791

ORDER

Petitioner's application for post-conviction relief was denied by Judge Paul M. Burch. No notice of appeal was filed. Petitioner now seeks a writ of certiorari from an order issued by Judge Brooks P. Goldsmith granting Petitioner a belated review of Judge Burch's order pursuant to *Austin v. State*, 305 S.C. 453, 409 S.E.2d 395 (1991).

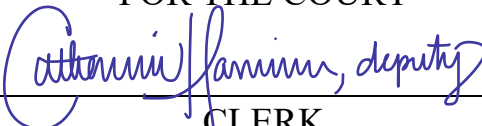
Based on the vote of the panel, the court grants the petition for a writ of certiorari from Judge Goldsmith's order, dispenses with further briefing, and proceeds with an *Austin* review of Judge Burch's order. However, we deny certiorari as to Petitioner's claim that his sentence was unconstitutional.

Petitioner's counsel asserts that the petition is without merit and requests permission to withdraw from further representation. Petitioner has not filed a pro se petition.

Based on the vote of the panel after careful consideration of the entire appendix as required by *Johnson v. State*, 294 S.C. 310, 364 S.E.2d 201 (1988), the petition for a writ of certiorari is denied and counsel's request to withdraw is granted.

FOR THE COURT

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Columbia, South Carolina
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The Honorable Paul M. Burch
The Honorable Brooks P. Goldsmith