

# The Supreme Court of South Carolina

Kevin Smith, Petitioner,

v.

State of South Carolina, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2025-000347

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## ORDER

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Petitioner filed a notice of appeal from the denial of his third request for post-conviction relief (PCR). Pursuant to Rule 243(c), SCACR, this Court required Petitioner to provide an explanation for why he believed the PCR Court's ruling was improper. Further, in light of the number of PCR applications Petitioner has filed, this Court also asked Petitioner to provide any reasons why this Court should not impose restrictions on his filing of collateral actions challenging his convictions and sentences for taking hostages (1995-GS-40-3705; -3708; and -4282), assault and battery with intent to kill (1995-GS-40-3706), and assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature (1995-GS-40-3707; and -11556).

Petitioner has failed to show that there is an arguable basis for asserting the denial of his third request for PCR was improper. Therefore, we dismiss the notice of appeal pursuant to Rule 243(c), SCACR. In addition, because Petitioner has not asserted any reason why this Court should not impose restrictions on his future filings, we prohibit Petitioner from filing any further PCR applications, habeas corpus petitions, or motions collaterally challenging his convictions and sentences for taking hostages, assault and battery with intent to kill, and assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature, or any motions in the underlying criminal case, including a motion pursuant to Rule 29, SCRCrimP, without first obtaining permission to do so from this Court.

John K. Kithers C.J.  
John Cannon J.  
[Signature] J.  
Manlin J.  
Arthur H. Verdin J.

Columbia, South Carolina  
April 25, 2025

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