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**THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Court of Appeals**

Steven Levon Williams, Petitioner,

v.

State of South Carolina, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2024-000248

Appeal From Greenville County
R. Lawton McIntosh, Circuit Court Judge

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VACATED IN PART

Appellate Defender Joanna Katherine Delany, of
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Attorney General Melody J. Brown, and Assistant
Attorney General Kaylee Christene Kemp, all of
Columbia, for Respondent.

PER CURIAM: Petitioner seeks a writ of certiorari from the denial of his application for post-conviction relief (PCR). We deny the petition for a writ of certiorari as to Question I and grant the petition as to Question II, dispense with

further briefing, and vacate Petitioner's five-year sentence for possession of a weapon during the commission of a violent crime.

We hold Petitioner's concurrent five-year sentence for possession of a weapon during the commission of a violent crime was improper because Petitioner was sentenced to life without the possibility of parole for armed robbery. Accordingly, we vacate Petitioner's five-year sentence for possession of a weapon during the commission of a violent crime. *See* S.C. Code Ann. § 16-23-490(A) (2015) (providing the sentence of five years' imprisonment for possession of a weapon during the commission of a violent crime does not apply in cases when a life sentence without parole is imposed for the violent crime); S.C. Code Ann. § 16-1-60 (Supp. 2025) (defining armed robbery as a violent crime under South Carolina law).

VACATED IN PART.¹

KONDUROS, GEATHERS, and VINSON, JJ., concur.

¹ We decide this case without oral argument pursuant to Rule 215, SCACR.