

# The Supreme Court of South Carolina

Joseph Golson, Petitioner,

v.

State of South Carolina, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2014-002756

Lower Court Case Nos. 2010-CP-32-01899 and 2012-CP-32-02781

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## ORDER

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Petitioner has served and filed a notice of appeal from an order merging the above post-conviction relief (PCR) cases into a single case.

Under Rule 243(a) of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules (SCACR) and S.C. Code Ann. §17-27-100, only a final decision or judgment in a post-conviction relief case is subject to appellate review. *See Lewis v. State*, 368 S.C. 630, 630 S.E.2d 464 (2006) (defining final decision or judgment). Since the order of merger is not the final order in this matter, the notice of appeal is hereby dismissed without prejudice to petitioner's ability to challenge the merger order in a timely appeal from the final decision in this matter. The remittitur will be sent as provided by Rule 221(b), SCACR.

  
C.J.  
FOR THE COURT

Columbia, South Carolina  
January 8, 2015

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