

The Supreme Court of South Carolina

Jumar McLeod, Petitioner,

v.

State of South Carolina, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2015-002661


ORDER

This matter is before the Court on a petition for a writ of certiorari following the denial of petitioner's application for post-conviction relief.

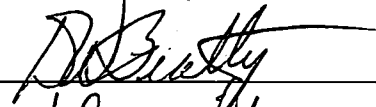
Petitioner's counsel asserts that the petition is without merit and requests permission to withdraw from further representation. Petitioner has not filed a *pro se* petition.

After careful consideration of the entire record as required by Johnson v. State, 294 S.C. 310, 364 S.E.2d 201 (1988), we find no issues of arguable merit. With regard to petitioner's assertion that plea counsel was ineffective in failing to file a notice of appeal, in addition to finding the allegation without merit, we find a direct appeal would have been to no avail because the circuit court had subject matter jurisdiction to accept petitioner's guilty plea and no issue was preserved for direct review.

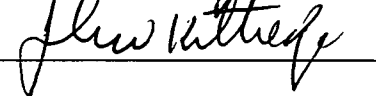




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