

The Supreme Court of South Carolina

Marco Bates, Petitioner,

v.

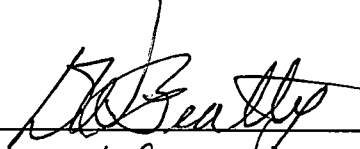
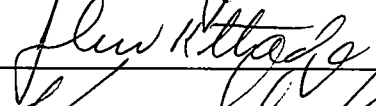
State of South Carolina, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2021-000474

ORDER

Petitioner filed a notice of appeal from the dismissal of his fourth application for post-conviction relief (PCR). Petitioner was asked to provide the explanation required by Rule 243(c), SCACR, as to why the PCR court's dismissal of his application was improper. Additionally, in light of the number of PCR applications and habeas corpus actions Petitioner has filed, he was also asked to provide any reasons this Court should not impose restrictions on his filing of collateral actions challenging his 1998 convictions and sentences for murder, possession of a firearm during the commission of a violent crime, and discharging a firearm into a dwelling.

Petitioner has failed to show that there is an arguable basis for asserting the denial of his fourth PCR application was improper, nor has he asserted any reason this Court should not impose restrictions on his future filings. Accordingly, we dismiss the notice of appeal pursuant to Rule 243(c), SCACR. In addition, we hereby prohibit Petitioner from filing any further collateral actions in the circuit court, including PCR and habeas corpus actions, as well as any motions relating to his previously filed collateral actions or his underlying 1998 convictions and sentences, including a motion pursuant to Rule 29, SCRCrimP, without first obtaining permission to do so from this Court.


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Columbia, South Carolina
June 15, 2021

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