

The Supreme Court of South Carolina

Douglas James Hill, Petitioner,

v.

State of South Carolina, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2020-001718

ORDER

By order dated September 21, 2018, this Court prohibited Petitioner from filing any further collateral actions challenging his 1996 assault and battery with intent to kill conviction and sentence without first obtaining permission from this Court. Although this Court denied his request to file a fifth application for post-conviction relief (PCR) on January 24, 2019, Petitioner filed a fifth application on October 1, 2019. The PCR court dismissed Petitioner's PCR application for failing to obtain permission from this Court to file the application.

Petitioner has now filed a notice of appeal from the order of the PCR court and a "Rule 243 explanation."

Because the PCR court did not determine Petitioner's application was impermissibly successive or untimely, a Rule 243(c), SCACR, explanation is not appropriate in this matter. Petitioner's failure to obtain permission from this Court to file the PCR application and disregard of this Court's denial of his request for permission to file the application render his PCR application a nullity. Accordingly, we strike the notice of appeal and dismiss this matter.

We remind Petitioner that continued violation of this Court's orders may result in him being held in contempt of court and/or the imposition of further restrictions on his filings.

W. Beatty C.J.
John Kittling J.
Ray G. Beaman J.
John Cannon J.
Lois Jones J.

Columbia, South Carolina
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