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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
APPELLATE DIVISION
DOCKET NO. A-0787-16T1

STATE OF NEW JERSEY,

Plaintiff-Respondent,

v.

MAHMOUD SHARAF,

Defendant-Appellant.

Submitted January 30, 2018¹ – Decided February 7, 2018

Before Judges Fasciale and Summers.

On appeal from Superior Court of New Jersey,
Law Division, Middlesex County, Indictment No.
12-08-1246.

Alan Dexter Bowman, attorney for appellant.

Andrew C. Carey, Middlesex County Prosecutor,
attorney for respondent (Susan Berkow, Special
Assistant Prosecutor, of counsel and on the
brief).

PER CURIAM

Defendant appeals from an August 24, 2016 order denying his
petition for post-conviction relief (PCR). Defendant maintains

¹ On January 29, 2018, the parties waived oral argument.

he received ineffective assistance from his counsel. Judge Alberto Rivas entered the order and rendered an eight-page written decision.

On appeal, defendant argues:

COUNSEL'S LACK OF PREPAREDNESS TO CORRECT THE COURT'S MISCONCEPTION AS TO THE LAW CONCERNING PTI ELIGIBILITY VIOLATED PETITIONER'S RIGHT TO EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE OF COUNSEL.

We conclude that defendant's argument is without sufficient merit to warrant discussion in a written opinion. R. 2:11-3(e)(2). We affirm for the reasons set forth by Judge Rivas in his thorough and well-reasoned written decision.

Affirmed.

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is a true copy of the original on
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