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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
APPELLATE DIVISION
DOCKET NO. A-1938-16T2

STATE OF NEW JERSEY,

Plaintiff-Respondent,

v.

HARRY WEST, JR.,

Defendant-Appellant.

Submitted April 17, 2018 – Decided April 25, 2018

Before Judges Fisher and Fasciale.

On appeal from Superior Court of New Jersey,
Law Division, Hudson County, Indictment No.
04-06-0875.

Joseph E. Krakora, Public Defender, attorney
for appellant (Karen A. Lodeserto, Designated
Counsel, on the brief).

Esther Suarez, Hudson County Prosecutor,
attorney for respondent (Luisa M. Florez,
Assistant Prosecutor, on the brief).

PER CURIAM

Defendant appeals from an August 31, 2016 order denying his
petition for post-conviction relief (PCR). He contends that his
plea and PCR counsel rendered ineffective assistance. Judge

Patrick J. Arre entered the order and rendered a lengthy comprehensive written opinion.

On appeal, defendant argues:

POINT I

DEFENDANT IS ENTITLED TO [PCR] BECAUSE [HIS PLEA COUNSEL] WAS INEFFECTIVE IN FAILING TO PROPERLY INVESTIGATE HIS CASE.

POINT II

DEFENDANT'S [PCR] COUNSEL RENDERED INEFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE OF COUNSEL. (NOT RAISED BELOW).

As to defendant's assertion that his PCR counsel rendered ineffective assistance, we reject such an argument and conclude that it is without sufficient merit to warrant discussion in a written opinion. R. 2:11-3(e)(2). And we otherwise affirm the order under review for the reasons stated by Judge Arre in his written decision.

Affirmed.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original on file in my office.



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