

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

BRUCE WOOD,

Defendant Below-
Appellant,

v.

STATE OF DELAWARE,

Plaintiff Below-
Appellee.

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§ No. 474, 2017

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§ Court Below: Superior Court
§ of the State of Delaware

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§ Cr. ID 0512020169 (N)

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Submitted: April 20, 2018

Decided: May 24, 2018

Before **STRINE**, Chief Justice; **VALIHURA** and **VAUGHN**, Justices.

ORDER

After careful consideration of the appellant’s opening brief, the State’s motion to affirm, the appellant’s response, and the record on appeal, we conclude that the judgment below should be affirmed on the basis of the Superior Court’s decision adopting the Commissioner’s well-reasoned report dated June 27, 2017. Contrary to the appellant’s argument, the Superior Court properly applied the procedural bars of Superior Court Criminal Rule 61 that were in effect at the time he filed his third motion for postconviction relief.¹ We find no error in the Superior Court’s conclusion that the appellant’s motion was procedurally barred and that his claims of “new

¹ See *Turnage v. State*, 2015 WL 6746644 (Del. Nov. 4, 2015).

evidence” of actual innocence failed to satisfy the standard of Rule 61(d)(2)(i) because, even assuming the unauthenticated evidence was admissible at trial, it was at best impeachment evidence on a tangential issue related to the appellant’s employment history.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the judgment of the Superior Court is AFFIRMED.

BY THE COURT:

/s/ Karen L. Valihura
Justice

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Submitted: June 6, 2018
Decided: June 11, 2018

Before STRINE, Chief Justice; VALIHURA, VAUGHN, SEITZ, and TRAYNOR, Justices, constituting the Court *en banc*.

ORDER

The Court has considered carefully the appellant's motion requesting a rehearing en banc of this Court's Order dated May 24, 2018, affirming the Superior Court's denial of his third motion for postconviction relief. The appellant's motion presents no basis for the Court to grant a rehearing of this appeal.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the motion for rehearing *en banc* is DENIED.

BY THE COURT:

/s/ Karen L. Valihura
Justice