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**IN THE SUPREME COURT  
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**

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Rodney Harold Friesz,

Petitioner and Appellant

v.

State of North Dakota,

Respondent and Appellee

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No. 20190178

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Appeal from the District Court of Morton County, South Central Judicial District, the Honorable David E. Reich, Judge.

**AFFIRMED.**

Per Curiam.

Laura C. Ringsak, Bismarck, ND, for petitioner and appellant; submitted on brief.

Gabrielle J. Goter, Assistant State's Attorney, Mandan, ND, for respondent and appellee; submitted on brief.

**Friesz v. State**  
**No. 20190178**

**Per Curiam.**

[¶1] Rodney Friesz appeals from a district court order denying his application for post-conviction relief. Following an evidentiary hearing, the court determined Friesz failed to satisfy the *Strickland* test for ineffective assistance of counsel. *Strickland v. Washington*, 104 S.Ct. 2052 (1984). We conclude the court did not clearly err in denying Friesz’s application for post-conviction relief. We summarily affirm under N.D.R.App.P. 35.1(a)(2).

[¶2] Jon J. Jensen, C.J.  
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