

Sept. 13, 2022

The State, Respondent.

v.

Leonard R. Washington

Appellate Case No. 2022-001283

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Dear Mrs. Hitchings,

The reason for this letter is to inform and explain why i'm appealing my case. On August 18, 2022 i was forced to accept a plea that i didn't understand by my Attorney Aimee Zmroczek therefore i am filing for Ineffective Assistance Of Counsel on Aimee Zmroczek for not explaining to the courts that the plea was not Voluntary and properly understood.

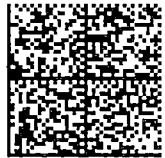
The law states that 4-14 Grams is Drug Trafficking. In my paperwork the Lt. Ricky Johnson on my case along with the Undercover Officer Megan Scigler statements states 5.3 Grams came from an unknown female and 1.3 Grams from me directly which is under weight of Grams for me to have been charged with Drug Trafficking under state law. Therefore i wish to appeal.

On the Accessory before the fact to Voluntary Manslaughter i was never charged with that charge, I was charged with Accessory before the fact to Murder which was thrown out at Preliminary Hearing so i'm lost as to why i was given 18 years on a charge that never served on me. I am not Guilty of and would never have agreed to an Accessory charge. Therefore i wish to appeal.

I'm appealing due to Ineffective Assistance Of Counsel because my plea was not Voluntary, i was not properly informed by Counsel, also due to the fact i have been detained since Dec 7, 2021 and my Attorney has never been to see me to go over away to have my charger's dismissed. Therefore i wish to appeal.

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