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SC Court of Appeals

ZY'TAWN KEINAS CHILDS

Case No. 2021GS24-1707

Eugene C. Griffith Jr., Circuit Court Judge

Appeal Request

On February 27, 2023 I plead guilty to homicide by child abuse out of fear and pressure of what a trial would impose. From June 2021 to October 2022 (New public defender came October 2022) I had been preparing with my public defender to fight this charge due to the over whelming additional information that was received that the ingestion of drugs that my daughter took had happened shortly before she arrived to me as well as witnesses that had spoken to the caregiver who had her before me on that day and admitted to seeing signs of distress that required medical attention. I was given no options to dispute or suppress the illegal protective sweep conducted at the residence while no one was there. Officers entered when there wasn't an arrest warrant, they were not in hot pursuit of anyone and nor was any evidence in danger of being destroyed. The placement of what officers' state was found on a nightstand open is not correct. Requests for photos or video surveillance of protective sweep was never provided. One week before my guilty plea I found out none of the previous evidence had ever been reviewed or seen by the new public defender and my options were a trial or plea. No evidence was available to be provided on my behalf to a judge to get a proper plea deal. Instead, I was presented as a continuous drug user that didn't care when in fact, I am the opposite. No one wanted a sentence of this magnitude. The insufficiency of the evidence is a federal constitutional claim that needs to be addressed and corrected.

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