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**Re: The State v. Damian Rodriguez**  
Appellate Case No. 2024-000012

To whom it may be concerned,

Please find enclosed a letter from Mr. Damian Rodriguez outlining his grounds for appeal. He seeks an appeal of juvenile waiver hearing and guilty plea in general sessions court on general grounds of ineffective assistance of counsel.

If you have any questions please feel free to give us a call at 843-248-3177.

Regards,

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Damian Rodriguez

1/11/2024

To the law's office, I believe that in my case, it was not handled correctly. I never got a chance to tell my lawyer my part of the story or the court and I want an appeal for my waiver hearing. They said I got waived up because I showed no remorse for my crime. I believe that they were wrong for multiple reasons. When everything happened, I was paranoid that they were trying to kill me. I heard footsteps in the woods around me and they had weapons and were acting suspicious and moving strange so I acted. When I was in the interrogation room, I continuously asked the cops if he died and when they told me he did, I started crying. I started regretting what I did as it was happening and I believe that the test they did on me didn't work as they should have or they messed something up because they read me wrong. And when we were in court, they painted this picture that I'm some kind of killer that can't change. And I believe that Noah shouldn't have lost his life but if I didn't do what I did someone else would have died and it would be the other way around. I regret my actions. I want another chance.

If you need more information, I would rather talk in person. Thank you for your time.

-Damian Rodriguez

Damian Rodriguez

1/12/2024

When it all happened, all I was thinking was get him before he gets me.

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