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Re: State vs. William B. Oswald, Case No. 2023-001872

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

The transcript I received in the William Oswald case is the worst transcript I have ever received. Having said that, I cannot in good conscious say the issues I wish to address in the appeal are impacted by the poor transcript. I can prepare my brief.

I cannot say the same in the event the appeal is not successful and a Post Conviction Relief application is filed. With the large number of times the word "inaudible" appears in the transcript, no one is able to determine what is not in the transcript that might be helpful in a PCR action. In addition, there are some obvious errors that do not impact my appeal, but can lead one to question the validity of the transcript at a PCR hearing. For example, on page 971, line 6, the transcript has the assistant solicitor reading the verdict. We both know that did not happen.

At numerous places in the transcript it is very obvious that incorrect words are used. In some cases, logic would show what word was meant and in other cases, it is simply unknown. None of these errors impact the issues I intend to raise on appeal. The reason I mention this is no one has any way of knowing if a statement that appears to read correctly was actually transcribed correctly. While I am ready to do the appeal, I can only wish the best of luck to a person who has to use this transcript in a PCR hearing.

With kindest regards, I am

Very truly yours,


C. Rauch Wise

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cc Alan McCrory Wilson
Mark Farthing