

October 25th 2024

To Whom

To Whom This May Concern, this is Courtney Richards and I'm writing this letter in regards to my case. I received a letter from the appellant defense office about 2 months ago stating that the Court of Appeals notified them about my intent to appeal and that if I wished to be represented by them, then I should fill out the affidavit of indigency then return it back to them. I've since done that and I've yet to be notified about representation. That's the reason why I'm writing this letter. I would like a copy of the intent to appeal so I can have my own copy. I would like to have a PCR filed on my behalf and I have additional details that I would like added to my appeal. Please see the back of this page of what I think should be added to my appeal. Please see to it that these details are added to my appeal, this would be very helpful being that I don't know if I've been appointed an appellate defender yet. Thanks and if possible, I would like a copy of everything so I can have a piece of mind, thank you!

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Sincerely,
Courtney Richards

- Due-process requires that a lesser-included offense instruction to be only when the evidence warrants an instruction. The jury's discretion is thus channeled so that it may convict a defendant of any crime fairly supported by the evidence. The State requested Voluntary Manslaughter as one of the charges the jury should be instructed on. Meaning, my attorney failed to make sure I received my due-process by objecting to the request for the lesser-included offense. The trial judge also failed to make sure I received the due-process that I was entitled to by failing to charge the jury on Voluntary Manslaughter when there's evidence on record that supports the charge.
- The trial judge erred by not charging the jury that an individual has no duty to retreat if by doing so would increase his danger of being killed or sustaining serious bodily injury.
- State intended to draw improper attention to my post-arrest silence, which is my constitution right to maintain silence.
- One of state's witnesses: Antoinya Singleton gave inconsistent statements during being interviewed by detectives. Also, gave different version of events at trial which shouldn't have been allowed to testify.
- State didn't allow my attorney to impeach their witness about certain testimonies in regards with the victim on day of, before, or after incident.
- Witness testified she was "watching me shoot down street", but didn't make a positive identification with my photo lineup. (Witness: Jessica Duncan.)
- Officers went against policy by not logging the crime-scene sheet, which could've resulted in evidence being manipulated or compromised.
- State refused to call their witness to the stand because he stated he didn't want to get me in anymore trouble. IF

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