

To Catherine Hamison.

I recieved a letter from you saying that my appeal attorney, Wanda Carter has filed a motion saying that she now beleives that my appeal is without merit, and is asking to be removed from my case. I am writing you because I dont know who else to turn to. I have ~~we~~ wrote my lawyer multiple times since she has been assigned to me. She has never responded and we have never even spoke. Not even once. How can she represent me to the best of her ability, when she has never spoke to me about my case or what went on. This is my life at stake. There are so many issues with what happened at trial that she never brought up. For example.

- Multiple officers testified on stand at the suppression hearing that they searched that house for hours before they obtained a warrant. And were told flat out that they did not have permission to search. After the judge ruled at the hearing, that because I claimed I didnt live at that house, that I didnt have rights to privacy there, denied the motion. We started trial. In our opening statements and times of the warrant compared to their arrival and the time they supposedly found everything, the solicitor objected, went and spoke ~~to~~ to the judge. The judge made the jury leave, then told my lawyer he wasnt ~~allowed~~ allowed to question the legality of the search in front of the jury, question the actions or morality of the police in front of the jury. How is that legal?

- Before the trial they ruled that we werent allowed to use the owner of the house, my mother's affidavit, where she said I hadnt lived there in months, that there was no way the stuff was mine, they ruled we couldnt use the affidavit because she is now deceased, and couldnt be cross examined. They ruled that but then the state used my mom's boyfriend's statements against me and another person who was there, Michael Garret, but both of them are deceased. Why was I not ~~allowed~~ allowed to defend myself with my deceased mother's sworn affidavit, but the state was ~~allowed~~ allowed to attack me with two seperate deceased person's statements?

- On the charge of possession of a weapon during a violent crime, the state spent an afternoon telling the jury my records, then immediately after threw out the charge.

- My attorney was texting my girlfriend during trial, trying to take her on a date, we have the messages still.

- I am 99% certain my attorney was drinking during trial, I have screenshot proof that he was at a strip club until 3am, two separate nights during my trial. He told my girlfriend this in text messages.

- I found out after trial he had multiple pending DUI and drinking related charges.

- ~~He~~ He never stressed the fact that I was in NY, and my prints and DNA were on nothing.

Thats just to name a few. I apologize this isnt a prose brief, but I dont know what that is or how to write one. Please help me, or forward this to someone who can

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Sincerely,

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