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November 12, 2026

Amended response to Petition.

Dear Court,

The main issue that should be taken into Consideration is the fact that my Plea counsel insisted that I plea guilty when in fact, as I testified, there IS mitigating evidence that shows I am not guilty of that which i'm charged (pg. 77 of Appendix). One example that was before the P.C.R Court is "Applicants co-defendant was given a much shorter sentence than Applicant, although the description of the shooter fit the Co-defendant" (pg. 92 of Appendix). I have been Charged, convicted, and sentenced as if i'm the Principal when, according to the facts, i'm no more than an accessory. In my false confession I stated the front door was wide open, however, there is photo evidence of the back door kicked in with a shoe print on it (forced entry)... I stayed in school the entire day, and my co-defendant left early because he was sick, yet, when law enforcement went to question him he was at work... Even though I didn't fully express the mitigating "factors" or evidence in my testimony the above mentioned is what I was speaking of. Which is why I was initially, and am yet again, adamant about going to trial. Before closing I would like to add a few more things So that I may take full advantage of raising and addressing any and all issues while I have the opportunity. How is it that initially I denied having any involvement, and then after being transported to the police station I all of a sudden want to give a confession? What took place in between the two interviews that made me reconsider my stance? When first sentenced, I was given the max to all

Charges I pled guilty to. Most likely because of how I was answering the judges questions at plea hearing. I just said "yes sir" to everything and when ~~exceeded~~ asked to clarify what Wasn't correct about the states interpretation of the facts I just remained silent and told the judge that I didnt have anything to say. Did I really want to plea guilty, and did I truly understand what pleading guilty was as well as the rights I was giving up when "I decided" to plea? How was I to receive less than life when I went before the judge on an open plea and one of the five charges I pled to carried life? I Supremely appreciate the court for the opportunity to raise/address these issues I previously failed to address, and I ask respectfully that the court grant relief.

Truly,
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