

To whom it may concern,

6/16/14

~ My name is Dylan H. Lavelle and I am writing because I'd like to appeal the outcome of my case hearing. On May 13, 2014, I pled guilty to Trafficking Heroin, Possession of sch. IV drugs with intent to distribute, Possession of controlled substance, Burglary 2nd degree x2, unlawful carrying of Handgun x2, as well as grand larceny and was sentenced to 12 years violent within S.C. department of corrections. Before ever pled guilty to the charges, I was told numerous times, by Barry Thompson II, that if I did not accept the plea deal that the judge was going to most likely give me a life sentence and I would leave prison in a pine box. I'd never been in trouble prior to being arrested this time and did not believe nor understand why my case deserved such an extreme outcome seeing the unviolent circumstances of my charges. Prior to being sentenced I also asked

my lawyer, Barry Thompson II to put in a motion to relieve consule seeing I was never able to explain my side of the case to him, when we met to discuss my case and because he used numerous scare tactics to pressure me into taking plea deals. Once at general sessions to go forward with the motion to relieve consule, Barry Thompson II pulled me into an office outside the main court room to speak with me. While in the office he told me what the judge was going to ask me and how to answer the questions. He told me if I did not answer the judges questions the way he insisted, that there was a great likely-hood of the judge taking away my lawyer and at that point I'd be left without a lawyer. Barry then informed me that I'd go to trial without consule, would be found guilty, and would once again spend the rest of my life in prison. At that point I was scared and did as berry said and withdrew the motion to relieve consule. →

The next day I was transported back to general sessions court house where Barry Thompson III was waiting to speak with me about taking the 12 year plea deal. He played a recording of a phone conversation I shared with my father, while being held at the Aiken County jail house. After playing back the recording over and over again, my lawyer told me I had an hour to decide whether or not I wanted to accept the plea deal of twelve years and after that the option to accept would be rejected and "I would go to trial that following week only to be found guilty and given a life sentence", I felt scared and cornered considering the small time frame to decide and the "likely outcome of life without parole", if I did not accept according to Barry Thompson II. So I accepted... Barry never informed me of the option to reconsider or put in a motion to reconsider the outcome of my case.

It is now too late to ask for a motion to reconsider and I firmly believe I wasn't informed of this option, so I wouldn't ask for the motion, which I would have if I had been aware. I do not believe my lawyer treated my case fairly and I was scared all the time by Barry Thompson to take a plea deal(s), because I was told "reviewing life in prison without the chance of parole was the only other option". I would like to appeal the outcome of my case hearing! Thank you

Sincerely,

Dylan H. Lawaltee

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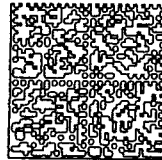
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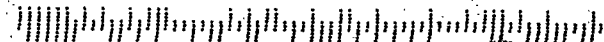
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