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To whom it may concern,

I am writing you to let you know that I never wanted to take this plea in the first place because I wasn't the one who did the crime and I told my lawyer that from day one so when I told Mr. Mellard that I wanted to go to trial he told me that William Yocum's statement was going to get me fifty years in prison and I asked him how when he is the one who committed the crime and he done wrote two different statements and changed his story and done failed a lie detector test so I told Mr. Mellard that I wanted to get on the stand and tell what really happened that day and he told me that the jury would still convict me to for the hand of one is the hand of all and give both of us fifty years so that is why I took the plea because my lawyer Mr. Mellard forced me into taking the plea I even tried to get Mr. Mellard off my case and get another attorney to represent me but Judge Ed Dikson denied that motion because he said he was a big fan of Mr. Mellard so I got stuck with him and it's like he didn't even try to fight for me and my solicitor Harrison Bell said after my plea that it would of been hard to convict me for Murder because lack of evidence so this is why I want an appeal because I got lied to by Mr. Mellard and forced into

taking this plea that I did not want to take because I wasn't
the one who actually did the crime I was just there
and at the time I felt like if I didn't take this plea I was
just going to get fifty years for something I didn't do
verses taking the plea for twenty-five years for something
I didn't do so that's why I took it because I was lied
to. Thanks James M. Jones

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