

THE STATE, RESPONDENT,  
vs.  
JAMES B. LAWSON, APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE 11/30/14  
NO. 2016-0209 **RECEIVED**

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DEAR ESTEEMED MEMBERS OF THE S.C. COURT OF ~~APPEALS~~ **SC Court of Appeals**

PLEASE EXCUSE THE APPEARANCE OF THIS DOCUMENT. I AM  
CONFINED AT THE NRE CENTER AT KIRKLAND, AND HAVE LIMITED  
AVAILABLE RESOURCES.

WHILE I RECOGNIZE THE OBVIOUS ERROR IN THE APPEAL  
OF A NEGOTIATED PLEA, I MUST PROCEED AS I FEEL I HAVE  
NO OTHER ALTERNATIVE IN MY PURSUIT OF MY CONSTITUTIONALLY  
PROVIDED RIGHT TO DUE PROCESS. THIS IS THE RESULT OF THE  
MANNER AND CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH I RELUCTANTLY ENTERED  
A PLEA OF GUILTY TO THE INDICTMENTS:

- 2016-6540-04127
- 2016-6540-04126
- 2016-6540-04125

... ON NOV. 7, 2016, TO THE HONORABLE  
KNOX McMAHON.

I RECEIVED THE TRANSMITTAL LETTER FROM MY COURT APPOINTED  
PUBLIC DEFENDER ON NOV. 29, 2016, HERE, AT KIRKLAND ON  
BROAD RIVER RD, COLUMBIA, S.C. TO THIS MOMENT, DESPITE  
SUBMITTING THE PROPER REQUEST, I HAVE NOT BEEN AFFORDED  
ACCESS TO THE LAW LIBRARY AT THIS LOCATION. I WILL, HOWEVER,  
PROCEED TO THE BEST OF MY LIMITED ABILITY, AND KNOWLEDGE  
OF PROCEDURE RELEVANT TO THIS MATTER PURSUANT TO  
S.C. APPELLATE COURT RULE 203(d)(1)(B), OF WHICH I AM  
CURRENTLY ENTIRELY IGNORANT.

THEREFORE, MY ARGUABLE BASIS THAT THERE ARE ISSUES  
PRESERVING FOR APPEAL ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- ① DENIAL OF REQUEST FOR NEW COUNSEL ON THE GROUNDS OF  
A) INSUFFICIENT COUNSEL RECEIVED.

AS THE TRANSCRIPTS OF THE PROCEEDINGS WILL CLEARLY  
SUPPORT, I DESCRIBED IN DETAIL THE REASONS FOR MY  
DISSATISFACTION OF THE PERFORMANCE OF MR. STEVE KRZYSTOW,  
MY PUBLIC DEFENDER, THESE REASONS INCLUDES, BUT WERE  
NOT LIMITED TO, B) CONFLICT OF INTEREST BETWEEN MY COUNSEL  
AND MYSELF AS TO THE DECISION BETWEEN GOING TO TRIAL  
OR ACCEPTING A PLEA OFFER. I WAS ADAMANT, FROM THE  
START, OF GOING TO TRIAL IN THE ABSENCE OF A FAIR  
PLEA ARRANGEMENT, WHICH NEVER (IN MY OPINION) MATERIALIZED.  
MR. KRZYSTOW AGREED WITH MY ASSESSMENT OF THE OFFERED  
PLEA, HIS EXACT WORDS TO ME WERE "I THINK YOU'RE GETTING  
TRAILBLAZED". BASED ON MY UNDERSTANDING OF THE S.C.  
CODE (S), AND BY COMPARISON TO OTHER SIMILAR CASES TO  
WHICH I BECAME FAMILIAR, I DID, AND STILL DO, BELIEVE THAT  
HE WAS RIGHT. UNFORTUNATELY, AS THE TRIAL DATE  
APPROACHED MR. KRZYSTOW'S ATTITUDE CHANGED DRAMATICALLY.  
ULTIMATELY, HE WAS TOTALLY UNCOOPERATIVE IN PREPARING FOR  
TRIAL. THE TRANSCRIPTS FROM COURT WILL OFFER FURTHER DETAILS  
TO THIS EVENT. PLEASE REFER TO THEM IF REQUIRED. AS A  
RESULT OF THIS PERFORMANCE OF COUNSEL, I AM ALSO  
CONVINCED THAT THERE WAS B) LACK OF PREPARATION  
ON BEHALF OF APPOINTED COUNSEL, TO PREPARE FOR TRIAL.  
② REFUSAL OR FAILURE TO OBTAIN REQUESTED MEDICAL RECORDS,  
OR DOCUMENTS BY PUBLIC DEFENDER, AND HIS  
③ REFUSAL OR FAILURE TO ACQUIRE TRANSCRIPTS FROM  
PRELIMINARY HEARING, AND THOSE CASES RELEVANT ②

TO THE MATTER, FROM ALVIN S. GLENN DETENTION CENTER.

THERE ARE SEVERAL MORE EXAMPLES OF THE PERFORMANCE OF MR. KRYSIUK IN REGARD TO MY CASE THAT WOULD REQUIRE EXTENSIVE ELABORATION, SOME OF WHICH I FAILED TO RECOUNT DURING THE PROCEEDINGS OF NOV. 7, 2010 IN THE COURT OF THE HONORABLE SCHE KNEE MCMAHON, AS A RESULT OF THE PRESSURE I FELT AND THE DURESS UNDER WHICH I ENTERED THE COURT.

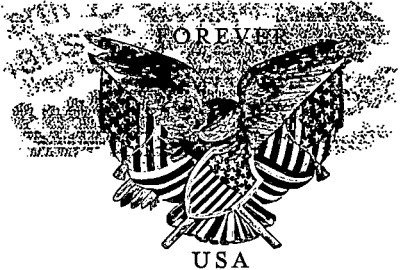
I WOULD BE HAPPY TO PROVIDE FURTHER DETAILS IF DEEMED NECESSARY.

AS A CITIZEN OF THE STATE OF S.C. AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND AS A VETERAN OF THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS, I BELIEVE THAT I AM ENTITLED TO MY DUE PROCESS AS AFFORDED ME BY THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. AS A RESULT OF THE MANIPULATION, INCOMPETENCE, AND MALICE IN WHICH MY ATTORNEY PURSUED HIS PERSONAL DESIRE TO SUBMIT A PLEA OF GUILTY ON MY BEHALF, I AM BEGGING THE COURT TO VOID THE PLEA AND ALLOW ME TO RECEIVE A NEW COURT DATE AND NEW COUNSEL.

RESPECTFULLY,  
JAMES B. CAUSKEL

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