

My reason for filing an appeal for case number 2019-00055 is that my public defender Charles Hayes did not do what he was appointed to do which is fight for me. He told me that he could not fight for me because there was no fight. He was also trying to force me to testify after I told him more than once that I didn't want to testify. He told me I was full of shit and that I would get 30 years if I go to trial. I admitted to Strong Armed Robbery and I was okay with pleading to that but I did not want to plea to Voluntary Manslaughter I said that in court but the Judge said I can't plea guilty to one thing and not the other all of that is on my court transcript. My reason not wanting to plea to Voluntary Manslaughter is that the witness never said I hit Mr Hightower she only said I made verbal threats. Ashley Hammack is the only one who said I hit him because the witness Jennifer Thompson can't go back on her statement after a year and a couple months that will make her not credible. There's so much wrong in this case and it all went unnoticed. Mr Hightower fell out his service van two weeks before the incident and hit his head. He also had history with a subdural Hematoma they say the assault caused a subdural Hematoma but he had one on the left and right side of his brain. They said the assault caused the one to the left and they did surgery to release pressure from his brain but there's some paperwork in my motion that says the right was worse than the left I don't understand that. He died like 2 months after his surgery. There's 3 causes of death on the death certificate and the last one is a subdural Hematoma. The medical paperwork also needs to be gone over again. I'm not saying Mr Hightower wasn't assaulted but I know for a fact that in my motion the witness never said I hit him so therefore I shouldn't be charged with his death. Also no one intended to kill Mr Hightower that was an accidental death and the charge that fits that is involuntary Manslaughter. I just feel I deserve a fair trial the witness never said I put my hands on Mr Hightower also I'm a first offender and I had to plea guilty to 15 years to something I didn't do cause my public defender didn't wanna fight for me cause he didn't see no fight in the case. He never even tried to get me a fair plea deal.

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