

Dear Mr. Shearhouse,

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An appeal was filed on my behalf dated May 11th 2020 on a conviction from Greenwood County and a P.C.R. RECEIVED
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I would like to respectfully ask about getting appointed counsel from outside the Appellate Defense Office due to a conflict of interest. I will explain.

In my P.C.R., I raised the issue of ineffective assistance of appellate counsel, (Taylor Gilliam). Mr. Gilliam failed to raise potential issues on my direct appeal (a 4th amendment violation) and he testified in my P.C.R. hearing by Skype and he testified that, I talked to him and gave him Ohio caselaws, (Terry v Ohio and Mapp v Ohio), and in his research he could not find the Ohio cases and that was the reason he didn't raise the 4th amendment violation in my direct appeal. Therefore, I intend to raise this issue and 5 other issues that are preserved for this appeal (writ of cert)

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and based on these facts I feel ^{pg. 2} it would be a conflict of interest for me to be represented by the appellate defense.

Mr. Gilliam told me in a phone conversation that, "his boss" told him not to raise the 4th amendment violation on my direct appeal when he filed the brief and he only raised one issue and he knew it was a deadbang issue.

Therefore, I would like to ask in good faith to be appointed counsel outside the Office of Appellate Defense.

I am indigent and cannot afford to hire a lawyer of my own.

Would you please assist me in this matter? Thank you very much Sir.
Please Respond.

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