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Re: The State Vs BERNARD E. JACKSON  
Appellate Case No. 2019-001412


Dear Clerk of Court, or whom it may concern,

I am writing to ask for a continuance for time to complete and submit my Pro Se brief to accompany the Appellate brief submitted by the Appellate Defender Adam Ruffin. Due to an oversight I was preparing to have my brief submitted by July 30, 2020 which is 45 days after this facility recorded receipt of your letter regarding this matter. I personally received an Order to Report and pick up the letter for June 18, 2020, which is when I also showed up to the mail room when instructed and signed for and received the letter. I based my time on the day the facility received the letter which was June 15, 2020 which is why I planned to have the brief mailed no later than July 30, 2020. The oversight was the fact that your letter said that I had 45 days from the date of the ~~letter~~ letter which it was dated for June 12, 2020. Even if July 30 was the actual deadline I would be still writing to ask for a continuance due to the fact that these are difficult times for all. The normal operation of the facilities here has been greatly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Staff is limited due to

Some being either effected with the virus or quarantined for precaution. The school building where the Law Library is located has been closed for social distancing concerns and classes have been canceled or held in the visitation facility via video. For these reasons access to the Law Library has been limited, and or canceled as well; and, I have also been subjected to the yard being locked down due to the limited Staff or COVID-19 concerns.

For these reasons, I have not had the ample time nor the legal resources to complete my Pro Se appellate brief / memorandum to accompany the issues raised by the Appellate Defenders. After reading the issue he raised, I feel he failed to recognize several other issues which I would also like the court to consider. So, In the nature of fairness and due to the extenuating circumstances surrounding COVID-19, I am requesting that you excuse my oversight regarding the 45 day deadline and allow me a continuance so that I can still submit my brief to be ~~continue~~ reviewed by this court as well. Thank you for your consideration.

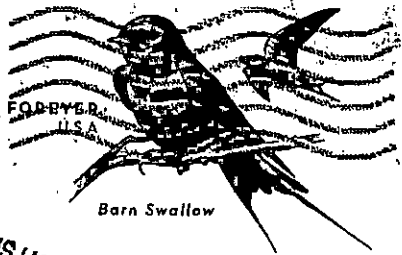
With Respect and Sincerity,



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