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RE: Richard Stribling VS The State
Appellate Case No. 2019-000153

Dear Court of Appeals,

I am writing this letter to the Court because my Attorney MS. Katherine Hudgins filed a Johnson petition for Writ of Certiorari. This is a Pro-se letter to inform the Court of important new information that I have just come across during my Research of the case and I would like to now submit it to the Court for its consideration along with my other Pro-se response that I filed with the SC. Supreme Court back in Aug 2019

First please allow me to start by reminding the Court that MS. Rebecca Gomez created a Major missing link in the chain of Custody in regards to the DNA testing conducted in my case.

Since I filed my pro-se response I have uncovered important information that will add additional weight to this missing link person and will make greater the fact that she wasn't at my trial to testify and be cross examined by my attorney.

MS. Gomez was a DNA analyst at Cellmark Lab in Dallas TX. And she started the extraction part of the testing she did step 1, step 2, and step 3 of the extraction process and she was to finish the process the next day but she didn't. Another DNA analyst who worked at cell mark with MS. Gomez testified at trial that she had to finish the extraction because to the best of her recollection MS. Gomez called in sick. Please see Appendix page 223 lines 1 through 5 for the testimony. I have included with this letter paperwork to show the court that MS Gomez

employment ended June 2015 at the time that my DNA testing. So MS Gomez didn't call in sick she no longer worked at cellmark. MY Question is Why? Why was she working on my case one day and the next she no longer is employed at Cellmark? Did she see something wrong with the DNA samples that she was doing work on for my case? Did she do something to the samples this is fungible evidence after all and could have been altered?

During my research into DNA cases that had contamination issues I found that almost always if there was contamination it happened at the extraction of the DNA from the sample or if there was any contamination already present in the sample it would most likely be discovered during the extraction. So could MS Gomez have seen something that didn't add up or could she have done something to the samples?

We don't know the answer to any of those questions because the state did not put MS Gomez on the stand.

And by not putting MS. Gomez on the stand we were all left to conjecture as to what did she do with this DNA evidence was what she did with it right or was it wrong? We don't know. But we do know that she did start the extraction process and did step 1, step 2 and step 3. And the other DNA analyst MS. Cromer testified that steps 1 through 3 was an important part of the testing process.

I would submit to the Court that the fact that MS. Gomez did things to the DNA samples and had a hands on part of the testing process an important part of the process. I would submit that she would have to be put on the stand to testify in order for this DNA sample to be admissible in a Court of Law. MS. Gomez is not just a harmless weak link in the chain (which there was many weak links also) but she is a very major complete missing link and her testifying at trial very well could have changed the trial completely. And she was involved in the part of the testing that would

have mostly likely shown if there was any contamination present already or the most likely point for contamination to have happened.

Another important point that I would like to point out to the Court. It was testified to at my trial by Dr. Ward that the slide that he prepared to send to Dallas for cell mark to test contained tissue from the alleged victim and a very small part was fetal tissue but my point is that if the analyst (MS. Gomez) extracted DNA from the alleged victim instead of the fetal tissue that could have explained a match or if the samples were contaminated with the alleged victim it would explain a match because she is my biological daughter. So what I am saying is that contamination is a very real question here.

MS. Gomez wasn't the only missing link there were other missing chain links Major missing links Please look at my trial transcript Appendix pages 288 Through page 321 This is the argument over the motion for a mistrial made by

my attorney. This appeal really shouldn't have had to have happened like this because Judge Cole really should have issued a Mistrial the DNA was not admissible because of the chain of custody and the Contamination issue.

My Goal in writing this is to show the Court further what I did not want to give up, to add weight to the fact that I did not knowingly and willingly give up my rights to a direct appeal and to show that I deserve a fair day in Court. I honestly did not know that I by accepting the Alford plea was in fact giving up my rights to appeal all of this. It was in my mind and I thought that I was maintaining my innocence by taking an Alford plea just like I did by going to trial. So I thought that I could appeal. No one ever explained to me any different and when Judge Cole accepted my Alford plea and didn't even mention Alford I really didn't know what to do or what to say.

I do know this the state did not want my trial going to direct appeal

And everyone in that courtroom knew that if it was explained to me that I was giving up everything even under an Alford plea I would have withdrawn my plea and I would have let the jury have my case.

My attorney MS. Katherine Hudgins filed a Johnson petition because she said that she felt like that it was harmless Judge Cole didn't explain to me the differences between an Alford plea and a Non Alford plea, but I do not agree with her it wasn't harmless because of what I was giving up by doing it.

I hope and pray that this Court will correct these wrongs that was done to me in the interest of Justice.

Thank You

Paul Stiles

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Research Technician II

Benaroya Research Institute at Virginia Mason

Feb 2018 – Present · 2 years 6 months

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Kwok Lab

Research Technician I

Fred Hutch

Jun 2015 – Dec 2017 · 2 years 7 months

Seattle, Washington

Clinical Trial Work

HVTN 914: localization of APOBEC3G, CD207 & TRIM5 receptors to sigmoid colon & circumcision tissue.

HVTN 116: Pharmacokinetics of VRC01 in mucosal tissue

R & D

13-color CD56 bright and dim cell ICS panel development

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Date July 2019

RE: Richard Stirling VS The State
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Dear Clerk

I am requesting that this letter be clocked and filed with the Court for its consideration it contains New information that I didn't have when I filed my Pro-se response. I am asking that this letter be amended to my other pro-se response please.

Thank you

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