

The State v. Marshall E. Blackmon  
(Appellate Case No. 2021-001326)

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The following are reasons for my case to be considered for appeal.

1. No time was spent between me and my Attorney William J. Norwicki going over my case.

The first time I met Attorney Norwicki was on February 11, 2019 the same day I entered my plea.

2. There was a personal conflict between the Honorable L. Casey Manning and Attorney William Norwicki.

Attorney Norwicki stated Judge Manning didn't like him and he didn't like Judge Manning because he knew that Judge Manning was a bias judge and dickhead that wasn't fit to serve on the bench. That caused Attorney Norwicki to want me to take a plea deal and not go to trial because he didn't want to deal with Judge Manning during the trial.

3. I asked Attorney Norwicki for a mental...  
evaluation he said I couldn't get one.

I have mental disabilities such as PTSD  
and Chronic Anxiety Disorders that would  
interfere with me being able to make  
adequate decisions on my behalf.

Attorney Norwicki stated that mental evaluations  
were only ordered in murder cases and I  
couldn't get one.

4. I asked Attorney Norwicki to go over my  
case discovery with me and he denied to

Attorney Norwicki stated to me I couldn't  
look at or go over my case discovery because  
it was the Prosecutors evidence and I wasn't  
able to see it.

5. I asked Attorney Norwicki about getting  
(PTI) Pre Trial Intervention. I was told  
I didn't qualify.

Attorney Norwicki stated that it was solely  
up to the victim if I could qualify. He stated  
Attorney Norwicki stated that the victim was mad

and would not agree to it that's why I could not get in the program.

6. I was pressured by the court to take a Plea Deal

Attorney Norwicki stated Judge Manning stated if I didnt take a Plea and went to trial and lost my case, got found guilty he was going to give me the maximum amount of prison time he could give me which was 10 years. Attorney Norwicki kept assuring me that I was going to prison for 10 years over and over again. That put my judgement in jeopardy because under that amount of pressure I could not make a judgement call due to my mental disability.

7. I had no say in Jury selection.

Attorney Norwicki stated to me Judge Manning and Prosecutor Paul M. Burch had already picked a jury and they were waiting in the other room and I only had a few minutes to accept the plea deal or I was going to trial.

Attorney Norwicki stated I didnt get to have any say in picking the Jury because that was the prosecutors job because he was trying the case.

8. A bias Jury was selected.

Attorney Norwicki stated that the Prosecutor went back in there old case files and picked a jury from people who had been in cases where there money had been taken, and they picked the people who didnt get there money back as Jurors in my trial. Attorney Norwicki stated those jurors were going to be mad and find you guilty and you will go to prison for 10 years because Judge Manning likes to send people to prison and he already said you were go for 10 years. At that point I had no other choice but to take the Plea Deal there was no way I was going trial after that was told to me. All hope was lost and I gave in I could barely talk or think at that point. all these things were the reason I took the Plea Deal I couldn't handle the pressure anymore it was overwhelming.

9. Jude Manning never came back so I wasn't able to explain to him what had happen to me and the reason why I took the Plea Deal instead of going to trial. I told Attorney Norwicki that I wanted out of my Plea Deal the same day

I took my medication and got calmed down and regained my train of thought that's when I realized all the lies that were told to me but it was too late for me to do anything.

10. I told Attorney Norwicki I wanted to appeal my plea he stated it was too late I had to do that within 10 days from when I pled guilty. I found out from the internet that it was 10 days after sentencing.

11. The only thing the Honorable Brian M. Gibbons did was conclude sentencing he stated he didn't have anything to do with anything else he was only doing it for Judge Manning because he didn't come back to Lancaster County. I don't remember Judge Gibbons say anything about I could file an appeal. I was pressured by Attorney Norwicki not to say anything to Judge Gibbons about the way I had been treated or he would give me probation and jail time so I had better go in there and not say anything and that's what I did.

12. This case was clearly a civil case:

I talked to other Attorneys about my case detail and they stated it should have been a civil matter and not in the Criminal Court.

I don't have the money to to retain them as my Attorney. The other Attorneys already know who the Attorney was it seems that Attorney Norwicki has a reputation for doing people this way.

I would like to thank the Appeals Court for considering my case for Appeal.

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