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RE: 2013 GS32 00654

Reasoning for Motion to Appeal

To Whom it May Concern:

On 15 April 2013 I was visited by my former counsel Ms. Sarah Hahn in regards to my request for motion of appeal. It was Ms. Hahns personal opinion that such a request was haneous to say the least; that it would be unfounded. I beg to differ and following are explanation as to why I feel my right to exercise an appeal per my case is just.

Possible and Justifiable Grounds for Appeal / Dismissal of charge is following:

1. My husband; Michael Livingston admitted without coercion and on his own consent that the drugs and lab found was in fact his. This was willfully stated on record in the courtroom and the fact that I am his wife is not viable evidence or motive to disprove it as any thing but the truth. Mr. Livingston not only stated this

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verbally when he plead to Manufacturing 1st but wrote a legal and binding statement as well; fully admissible in court.

2. The second reason I feel justified in my appeal is the fact I'm blatantly unhappy with my counsel. I requested a motion for counsel to be released and reappointed in front of Judge Russo and was denied. It was stated to me by Ms. Hahn that she and the solicitor alike stated in no way, shape or fashion would I be allowed the opportunity to see every judge on the bench until I could replace counsel. As well, respectfully I asked Ms. Hahn to excuse herself as to which also she refused.

It is my legal right to ask my counsel be terminated and replaced if not satisfied. Furthermore I originally asked for a jury trial as to which Ms. Hahn refused to plea for stating my previous drug convictions would prohibit me from winning my case even with the self incriminating evidence provided by Michael Livingston as to where verbally and on court record as well as in writing he accepted the burden of said charge as his own.

I respect the efforts of the court, and again am respectfully requesting to exercise my right to request my appeal.

Regards,

Ashley Cook

