

NO. 19-5638
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
OCTOBER TERM, 2019

JEFFREY EUGENE LEE,

Petitioner,

v.

STATE OF FLORIDA,

Respondent.

ON PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE FLORIDA SECOND
DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL

PETITIONER'S REPLY

In a rambling opposition, the respondent argues, in a nut-shell, that the petitioner enjoys no Due Process right to a prompt sentencing. Not so. This Court has already determined in *Betterman v. Montana*, ___ U.S. ___ (2016), that the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution does indeed protect a criminal defendant from unreasonable delay by the state in imposing sentence upon him/her. Surely the state's refusal to sentence the petitioner, despite his repeated requests that it do so over a 27 year period, easily establishes that the petitioner's Due Process rights have been violated.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated above, certiorari should be granted on the authority of *Betterman v. Montana*, supra.

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