

19-7272

Kenyatta Quinn Mitchell

Richard J. Donovan Correctional

480 Alta Rd.

San Diego, CA 92179

ORIGINAL

United States Supreme Court

1 First Street, N.E.

Washington, D.C. 20543

Supreme Court, U.S.

JAN 02 2020

IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

KENYATTA QUINN MITCHELL,
Petitioner

V.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE
OF CALIFORNIA; CDCR;
DIRECTOR, Respondents

9th Cir. No. 19-55108

D.C. No. 3:18-cv-00697-WQH-BLM

SCN. 362476

PETITION FOR
WRIT OF CERTIORARI
Rules 10-14

Date: 1/2/2020 Time: 8:00am

Comes now and respectfully before the court Kenyatta
Quinn Mitchell, seeking relief by Petition of Writ of
Certiorari, after denial of certificate of appealability
by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, on December 23,
2019. The petitioner on April 6, 2018 sought to challenge
his conviction in United States District Court, Southern
Division, District One under 28 U.S.C 2254 Fed. R.
App. P. (7), (8) a Writ of habeas Corpus. The petitioner

Was denied relief on September 28, 2018. On January 10, 2019 the petitioner filed a Notice of Appeal, from that decision with the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. All the petitioner's claims have been exhausted to this level. The petitioner's claims involve multiple violations of his right to Due Process and the Compulsory Process, under the 14th Amendment, as well as the petitioner's right to a Fair trial under the 14th Amendment. The petitioner's 8th Amendment claims also has merit, because the petitioner received his sentence without due process of law and received restitution beyond his ability to pay. The presumption of correctness used by both courts is clearly erroneous. Both courts have ignored clearly established law and the constitutional provisions afforded to a defendant in a criminal trial. Constitutional Law 840.3 - the due process clause of the Federal Constitution prohibits the criminal conviction of any person except upon proof of guilt beyond a reasonable doubt; Constitutional Law 831.5, 840.3 - A person can not incur the loss of liberty for a criminal offense, without notice and a meaningful opportunity to defend, and such opportunity, if not the right to trial itself, presumes as well that a total want of evidence to support a charge will conclude the case in favor of the accused; The rule that no person consistently with due process, may be convicted of a crime except upon proof of guilt beyond a reasonable doubt requires also that the factfinder will rationally apply that standard to the facts in

evidence, a reasonable doubt being at a minimum one based upon reason.) It must appear that reasonable jurists could find the assessment of the petitioners claims debatable or wrong. (Slack v. McDaniel 529 U.S. 473, 484 (2000)) The district court has overlooked the petitioner's constitutional claims, and the wrong standard of review has been applied. On Oct. 15, 2018 the petitioner filed objections to the Report and Recommendation. The district court reaffirmed its decision and no C.O.A. was issued even though one should have been. A writ of Certiorari by the petitioner is now necessary, in order for the petitioner to obtain relief.

- Questions Presented -

1. Whether no reasonable juror would have convicted the appellant as constitutional error resulted in the conviction of one who is actually innocent.

Trial court answers: No

Appellant answers: Yes

2. Did the petitioner receive constitutional effective assistance, that was requested by him in the trial court.

Trial Court answers: Yes

Appellant answers: No

3. Did the appellants Constitutional rights to due process and the compulsory process get violated in the Pre-Trial proceedings.

Trial Court answers: No

Appellant answers: yes

4. Did the petitioner receive a Fair trial that was Fundamentally correct, without prejudice.

Trial Court answers: yes

Appellant answers: No

5. Can the appellant with the evidence in question raise a reasonable doubt with jurors of reasonable prudence.

Trial Court answers: No

Appellant answers: yes

6. Is the record sufficient for the district court to make a disposition, without holding an evidentiary hearing.

Trial Court answers: yes

Appellant answers: No

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Opinions Below - Pg. 6

Jurisdiction - Pg. 7

Constitutional and Statutory Provisions Involved -
Pg. 8, 9, 10

Statement of Case - Pg. 11

Reasons For Granting Writ - Pg. 18

Conclusion - Pg. 36, 37

INDEX TO APPENDICES

Appendix A - Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals - Opinion

Appendix B - United States District Court - Opinion

Appendix C - California Supreme Court - Opinion

Appendix D - Fourth Appellate District - Opinion

OPINIONS BELOW

For Federal cases:

The opinion of the United States Court of Appeals appears at Appendix-A- to the petition and is designated for publication.

The opinion of the United States district court appears at Appendix-B- to the petition and is designated for publication.

For State Cases:

The opinion of the highest State-Court to review the merits appears at Appendix-C- to the petition and is designated for publication

The opinion of the Fourth Appellate District Division One Court appears at Appendix-D- to the petition and is designated for publication.

JURISDICTION

For cases From the Federal Court:

The date on which the United States Court of Appeals decided my case December 23, 2019

The jurisdiction of this court is invoked Under 28 U.S.C 1254(1)

For cases From the State Court:

The date on which the highest state court decided my case was March 14, 2018. A copy of that decision appears in Appendix-C

The jurisdiction of this court is invoked Under 28 U.S.C. 1257(a)

CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY PROVISIONS INVOLVED

Slack v. McDaniel 529 U.S. 473, 484 (2000) - Pg. 3

Williams v. Taylor 529 U.S. 152, 169, 170, 171, 71 L Ed 2d.

Jackson v. Virginia (1979) 443, U.S. 307, 61 L. Ed 560, 99 S. Ct. 2781 - Pg. 30

Chapman v. California 17 L. Ed 2d 705, 386, U.S. 18, 824, 17 (1967) - Pg. 12, 32

Harrington v. California 23 L. Ed. 2d 284, 395 U.S. 250 - Pg. 12

Rhines v. Weber 544 U.S. 269, 274-277 (2005) - Pg. 13

Maples v. Stegall 340 F. 3d 433 (6th Cir 2003) - Pg. 15

Higgins v. Renico 362 F. Supp. 2d. 904 - Pg. 15

Dickerson v. Alabama 667 F. 2d 1364 (11th Cir) 459, U.S. 878, 103 S. Ca 173, 74 L. Ed 2d. 142 (1982) - Pg. 20

Washington v. Texas 388, U.S. 14, 18 L. Ed 2d. 1019, 87 S. Ct. 1920 (1967) - Pg. 21

Oliver 333, U.S. 257, 273 (1964) - Pg. 22

1 DAVIS V. Straub 421, F. 3d 365 (2005) - Pg. 23

2
3 SLOVICK V. Yates 556, F. 3d 747, 755 (9th Cir 2001) - Pg. 24

4
5 JENNINGS V. Ragan 276 U.S. 358, 296, 3 L. Ed 2d - Pg. 26

6
7 BROWN V. Allen 344 U.S. 443, 463 - 465, 506, 97 L. Ed.
8 469, 492, 514, 795 S. Ct. 397 - Pg. 26

9
10 ROGERS V. Richmond 357 U.S. 220, 2 L. Ed 1361, 78 S. Ct.
11 1365 - Pg. 26

12
13 BABBIT V. Calderon 115, F. 3d 1170 (1998) - Pg. 28

14
15 JOHNSON V. Bagley 544, F. 3d 592, 602 (6th Cir 2008) -
16 Pg. 27, 29; Wiggins 539, U.S. 536 - Pg. 29

17 STRICKLAND V. Washington 466, U.S. 668, 687, 80 L.
18 Ed 2d. 674, 104 S. Ct. 2052 (1984) - Pg. 28

19
20 POWELL V. Alabama 77 L. Ed. 158, 287 U.S. 45 (1982) -
21 Pg. 30

22 PEOPLE ex. rel Burgess V. Risley 66 How. Pr. 67 -
23 Pg. 30

24 BATCHELOR V. State 189, Ind. 69, 76, 125 N.E. 773 -
25 Pg. 30

26 AVERY V. Prelesnik 548, F. 3d 434, 435, 439
27 (6th Cir 2001) - Pg. 31

Townsend V. Sain 372, 293 U.S. 28 U.S.C. 2254(d) 83
S. Ct. 745, 9 L. Ed 2d. - Pg. 32

Mickens V. Taylor 538 U.S. 108, 170 - Pg. 34

Robertson V. Cain 324, F.3d 247, 301 (5th Cir 2001) - Pg. 34

Poindexter V. Booker 301 Fed. Appx. 522, 524, 531, 2005
U.S. (6th Cir 2008) - Pg. 36

Keeney V. Tamayo-Reyes 504, U.S. 1, 118 L. Ed. 2d 318, 112
S. Ct 1715 (1992) - Pg. 37

Stone V. Powell 428 U.S. 465, 494-495 n.37 (1977) - Pg. 37

Statutes and Rules -

Rules Governing Section 2254; Rule 7+8 - Pg. 17

Fed. Rule App. P. 10(b)(3) - Pg. 13

Constitutional Law Supra-840,3, 831.5 - Pg. 2

Federal Rules of Court - Criminal Law and Procedure - Pg. 18

STATEMENT OF CASE

In the petitioner's writ of habeas corpus proceedings, the petitioner had four definitive claims. The first claim the petitioner claims his 6th Amendment right to due process and the compulsory process were violated. A key witness for the defense had been improperly subpoenaed, due to lack of due diligence on behalf of the private investigator designated to serve that subpoenaed. That witness was anticipated to give testimony that was exculpatory in nature, but never showed up to preliminary. An additional subpoenaed was also requested by the defense for personal telephone records that were also exculpatory. None of these subpoenas were quashed until the latter part of the proceedings. That first claim was also situated around a denial of a continuance requested by the defense prior to preliminary, in order to secure the attendance of the exculpatory witness. The second claim made by the petitioner was his right to a fair trial & to be treated equally under the 14th Amendment. Many of the errors in the pre-trial proceedings carried over to the trial itself and had prejudiced the petitioner substantially. Any information that may exonerate the defendant, the defendant has a right to prepare that information for his defense, and the jury has a right to hear that information at

the time of trial as it is prepared by the defense, for the defense of the accused. The Third Claim made by the petitioner is the defendant's right to effective assistance of counsel under the 6th Amendment. Even though the defendant in the early proceedings requested to represent himself, counsel was requested at the time of arraignment. Counsel failed to investigate any of the exculpatory evidence, that could have raised a reasonable doubt with the jury. Evidence the defendant informed them about, an counsel failed to produce for their client's best interest. Counsel had no strategy and their common-defense was wrong, this the defendant realized created a conflict of interest. That conflict prompted the defendant to request a Marsden Hearing. The Fourth Claim the petitioner made was his right to be free from cruel and unusual punishment under the 8th Amendment. The petitioner claims his sentence was excessive and without due process of law. This also included fines beyond the petitioner's ability to pay. All of these claims have been exhausted all the way to this level.

The district court has used the wrong standard of review and relied on the same factfinder as the state court, its decision is clearly erroneous. (Chapman v. California 17 L. Ed 2d. 705, 386, U.S. 18, 824, 17 L. Ed 2d. (1967); Harrington v. California 23 L. Ed. 2d 284, U.S. 250) before an error that is federally constitutional

1 can be held harmless, the court must declare it was
2 harmless beyond a reasonable doubt.} The district court
3 erred in their presumption of correctness to the
4 state-court fact findings that should have been fo-
5 und unreasonable. The district court stated in its
6 disposition that some of the merits were not war-
7 ranted by the AEDPA, however none of the clearly
8 established law arises under its precedence. The
9 petitioner objects to this on all fronts. (Rhines v.
10 Weber 544 U.S. 269, 274-77 (2005); Even if that were
11 a distinction which the justices admit to consider-
12 ing, it falls noticeably short of a useful guidepost
13 for federal habeas review of state-court decision
14 making.) The petitioner needs de novo review of the
15 district court's decision because it is clearly errone-
16 ous. Without an evidentiary hearing there is no way
17 the district court could have decided on the merits.
18 The petitioner is entitled to a full and fair hear-
19 ing, he has not received one at this point in time.
20 The record needs to be supplemented under Fed. R.
21 App. P. 10(b)(3), so the court can review the exculp-
22 atory evidence in question. Along with a statement of
23 the evidence to quantitatively assess its value to the
24 defense. The petitioner has requested this procedure
25 with the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. The silent den-
26 ial by the Ninth Circuit has been done with a record
27 that is insufficient, and they have not independently
28 analyzed any of the petitioner's specific claims invol-

1 Ving Violations of his Constitutional rights. No reference
2 was made either to the petitioner's objections
3 filed in district court. The petitioner's claims re-
4 main adjudicated, he is now seeking relief with
5 the Supreme Court.

6 The petitioner's Superior Court case involved a 2nd
7 Robbery PC211 that occurred at a transit center. At
8 the time of the alleged crime, the petitioner was
9 intimately involved with a woman who had a restrat-
10 ning order on her ex-boyfriend. The petitioner had
11 no previous knowledge of the ex-boyfriend prior to
12 this relationship. The ex-boyfriend on multiple occ-
13 assions violated the restraining order, in partic-
14 ular at the transit center, the same place as the
15 alleged crime. The ex-boyfriend also sent threatening
16 text messages to the petitioner's personal cellphone,
17 threatening to harm him and the girlfriend. After re-
18 lieving the threats, the petitioner and the girlfriend
19 were confronted by the ex-boyfriend at the transit
20 center, where he assaulted both of them on differ-
21 ent occasions. After these assaults the petitioner
22 urged the girlfriend to contact the authorities, whi-
23 ch the girlfriend did after the petitioner pleaded
24 with her. The girlfriend left a voicemail, in a call
25 made from the petitioner's phone to the ex-boyfrie-
26 nd's parole officer. Nothing was ever heard back from
27 the parole officer, even though they had an obliga-
28 tion to check into this. With imminent danger to

1 the petitioner's safety and the girlfriend, the
2 petitioner took a near-by pedestrians phone to
3 contact the authorities at the transit. That person
4 was uninjured and later identified the petitioner
5 in the alleged robbery. The girlfriend is a Key wit-
6 ness in this case because she was in the area. She
7 was also present when the petitioner was arrested.
8 The petitioner chose to remain silent at his arrest. The
9 girlfriend gave only a limited statement.
10 There are many inconsistencies in the state-courts
11 opinion several aspects of the petitioner's claims
12 have been misinterpreted. The first one I will br-
13 ing up is the state-courts reference to the girlfri-
14 end not being an exculpatory witness. Both the distri-
15 ct court and the state-court decided this without
16 analyzing the violations of the petitioner's constitut-
17 ional rights to due process and the compulsory proc-
18 ess under the 6th Amendment. (Higgins v. Renico 302
19 F. Supp. 2d. 904; Maples v. Stegall 340 F.3d 433 (6th Cir
20 2003)- Where state-court did not assess the merits
21 of a claim properly raised in a habeas petition the
22 deference due under AEDPA does not apply. The
23 AEDPA by it's own terms is applicable only to habe-
24 as corpus claims that were adjudicated on in state-
25 court.) The defense's Key witness had been subpoenaed
26 to come to court during Preliminary, but Failed to show
27 up due to lack of due diligence on behalf of the private
28 investigator to quash it. The petitioner was incarcerated

1 and had no way to serve it himself. That witness was
2 in court on both the originally scheduled Preliminary
3 hearing set for Sept. 22, 2016 and the rescheduled date
4 set for Sept. 26, 2016. There is no justified reason for the
5 private investigator not to have served the subpoena.
6 Especially when the witness is in the courtroom. The
7 defendant found out prior to the newly scheduled Pre-
8 liminary that the witness had not been subpoenaed
9 correctly. When the defendant returned to court on
10 Sept. 26, 2016, the defendant requested a continuance
11 as a General Remedy. That took place in the Readiness
12 Dept. Prior to Preliminary scheduled for that day. That
13 Readiness information is not included in the appeals
14 transcript record. That information may be contained
15 in a minute order, detailing this proceeding. The request
16 for a continuance was denied and the defense went
17 straight to Preliminary without a key witness. What
18 happened at that time was plain error by the court.
19 The petitioner's right to due process and the compulsory
20 process under the 6th Amendment were violated at that
21 time. As far as a continuance is concerned in the
22 State-Court's disposition, that continuance is not the
23 same continuance the petitioner had made reference
24 to in his initial appeal, in which the petitioner submitted
25 a Supplemental Brief on his own behalf. The
26 continuance the State-Court was referring to was
27 made by the people, not the defendant on Sept. 22,
28 2016. That continuance is on record.

1 In regards to the petitioner's ineffective assistance
2 of counsel claim, it was incorrectly analyzed by the
3 state-court. The petitioner has a 6th Amendment right
4 to effective assistance of counsel. During their
5 appointment to the defendant they failed to adequately
6 perform at a reasonable level. Counsel's lack of performance
7 did prejudice the defendant in a substantial
8 way, because the defendant went to trial afterwards.
9 The reasonable assistance as outlined by Strickland,
10 the district court agreeded that only one of
11 the two prongs were adjudicated on. Counsel did not
12 provide reasonable assistance by failing to investigate
13 exculpatory evidence that could have exonerated the
14 defendant. The district-court is clearly erroneous
15 because they've used the same fact-finder as the
16 state-court. Instead of doing a substantial evidence
17 review, the district court conducted a de novo review
18 without the evidence needed to raise a reasonable
19 doubt. The district court should have held an
20 evidentiary hearing to identify the evidence that
21 was excluded due to the pre-trial errors, and find out
22 where the constitutional violations occurred. Rules
23 Governing Section 2254 Rule 7 & 8 in Supra 21-1. An evidentiary
24 hearing is mandatory if 3 conditions is met; 1)
25 a petitioner alleges facts that if proved entitle him
26 to relief; 2) the petitioner's factual allegations survive
27 summary dismissal because they are not palpably
28 incredible or patently frivolous or false; 3) For re-

asons beyond the petitioner and the petitioner's attorney (assuming the attorney rendered Constitutionally satisfactory assistance,) the Factual issues were not previously the subject of a Full and Fair hearing in State Courts or IF a Full and Fair hearing in State Court was held, the hearing did not result in Fact-Finding that resolved all the Factual disputes.)

REASONS FOR GRANTING WRIT

An evidentiary hearing is one of the most important process during the appellate procedure, in order to fairly analyze all matters pertaining to evidence, that have merit to the petitioner's habeas Corpus claims. The petitioner has not received a Full and Fair hearing at anytime. The wrong standard of review has been used leaving many questions of mixed law and Fact. Unresolved. Those mixed questions involved constitutional violation of the petitioners rights, under the 6th and 14th Amendments. Neither courts weighed any of the petitioner's claims, against the constitutional violations that occurred. (Federal Rules of Court-Criminal Law and Procedure; Exceptions to the rule of deference apply when the legal issues at stake are sufficiently new, unformed, or in need of appellate elaboration that a greater than usual appellate rule in the application of Fact to law require; the Fact Finding is predicated on a misunderstanding of the governing rule of law; or in arriving at the Fact

1 Finding the district court considered improper evidence
2 Ignored, or erroneously excluded material evidence, or
3 otherwise tired the Facts in an incomplete or unfair
4 manner; IF the district court exercised it's discretion
5 to rehear Facts and thereafter made the same Fact
6 determination that the State-court previously made
7 the clearly erroneous rule and it's exception apply.)
8 No evidentiary hearing was held in the district court
9 even though it is necessary in this case. An evident-
10 iary hearing would have been necessary to appropriately
11 address the claims involving excluded evidence. The
12 district court in using the same FactFinder did not
13 identify where the violations of due process and the
14 compulsory process occurred. For example the district
15 court did not reasonably conclude in it's disposition
16 the value to the defense of the girlfriend as a key
17 witness. The courts did not reasonably conclude that
18 when the witness did not receive the subpoena, it
19 was a violation of the right to cross-examine. On
20 Sept. 22, 2016 in Dept. 5 the defendant appeared in
21 court for the originally scheduled Preliminary hearing.
22 The defense's witness was in court on that day, but
23 did not receive the subpoena. That was lack of due
24 diligence on behalf of the private investigator who
25 said they could not locate the witness. On that same
26 day the defendant waived his right to Preliminary
27 so it could be rescheduled for the 26th of Sept 2016.
28 That was because the people needed a continuance

1 because one of their witnesses was out of town. When
2 the defendant came back to court on Sept. 26, 2016
3 the defense requested a continuance of their own.
4 The defense had found out prior to this appearance
5 the witness did not receive the subpoena. The court
6 at that time denied the continuance and sent the
7 defendant straight to Preliminary, without the key
8 witness. The witness was anticipated to give testimony
9 that was exculpatory in nature. (Dickerson v. Alabama
10 667 F.2d 1364 (11th Cir) 459, U.S. 878, 103 S.Ct. 173, 74
11 L.Ed.2d 142 (1982); A Federal court is not bound by
12 a state-appellate court's determination of a question
13 of law or a mixed question of law and fact, whether
14 certain statements are sufficiently definite to con-
15 stitute a request for a continuance is at the least
16 a mixed question of law and facts. A trial judge's
17 discretionary power to deny a motion for a continua-
18 nce is necessarily limited by the Constitution Amend-
19 ment 6 right to the compulsory process and any denial
20 of an accused's attempt to present testimony in his
21 behalf must be weighed against that right. The deter-
22 mination whether the denial was such as an abuse of
23 discretion as to violate an accused's U.S. Constitution
24 Amendment 6 right is a question of law.) As a result
25 of the witness not being at Preliminary several
26 key components in the petitioner's defense were un-
27 developed. The private investigator had multiple opport-
28 unities to serve the subpoena, but did not. The

1 defendant was incarcerated and had no opportunity to
2 serve it himself. (Washington v. Texas 388, U.S. 14, 18
3 L. Ed. 2d 1019, 87 S. Ct. 1920 (1967); It was held that the
4 accused's Sixth Amendment right to have the compl-
5 usory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor is
6 so fundamental that it can be considered incorporat-
7 ed in the due process clause of the Fourteenth Amend-
8 ment, and the defendant was denied such a right
9 in the instant case; the right to offer testimony of
10 such witnesses and compel their attendance, if neces-
11 sary is in plain terms the right to present a defense,
12 the right to present the defendant's version of facts.)
13 Both the defendant and the girlfriend were together
14 on the day of the alleged crime. The girlfriend is
15 a material witness because she contained knowledge
16 about the restraining order and the individual's violent
17 history. The girlfriend also knew about the threaten-
18 ing text messages sent to the defendant's phone. The
19 girlfriend was also present when the defendant was
20 assaulted by that individual at the transit. The defen-
21 dant and the girlfriend were also together when it
22 was reported to that individual's parole officer. A
23 voicemail was left for the parole officer nothing was
24 heard back that information contradicts the D.A.'s
25 cross-examination of the defendant that no effort
26 had been made to alert the authorities, Everything
27 the petitioner testified to is contained in the Prelim-
28 inary report. The defendant's duress was real and actual

1 The inconsistencies in the police report, the video sur-
2veillance, testimonies made by police during the Prelim-
3inary, and the 911 call prove the petitioner had not
4attacked the victim as initially believed. The Criminal
5Threats and the Dissuading a witness charges were
6hearsay and later dropped. There was no motive or
7mens rea requirement For the defendant in this sit-
8uation. Only that defendant reasonably believe his life
9was in danger, as well as the girlfriend. The Exclusion
10of this evidence did prejudice the petitioner, because
11it can raise a reasonable doubt. (Oliver 333 U.S. 257,
12273 (1946); in all criminal prosecutions, the accused
13shall enjoy the right to have the Compulsory process
14For obtaining witnesses in his Favor; The United States
15Supreme Court held that the right to offer testimony
16was a basic ingredient of due process law; the right
17to offer testimony of witnesses, and to compel their
18attendance, if necessary, is in plain terms the right
19to present a defense, the right to present the defen-
20dants version of Facts.) The petitioner was prejudic-
21ed by the errors committed by the court, because he
22went to trial afterwards. No reasonable juror of prede-
23nce would have found the petitioner guilty in light of
24the totality of circumstances. The instructions to the
25jury in regards to Intent, Reasonable Doubt, Evidence,
26and witnesses were fundamentally incorrect. All of tho-
27se instructions involve some kind of due process, and
28therefore it made the trial unfair. These structural

errors require automatic reversal of the defendant's conviction because they infect the entire trial process. The jury was also fundamentally biased against the defendant because he was in self-representation. During voir dire many of the jurors stated their contention with this case based on the defendant's position. These pre-conceived notions and the possibility of guilt to them prejudiced the defendant substantially. (Davis v. Straub 421 F.3d 365 (2005) - Constitutional Law - Fundamental Rights; The United States Supreme Court has established the Sixth Amendment right to present a defense. The right to offer testimony of witnesses and to compel their attendance if necessary, is in plain terms the right to present a defense, the right to present the defendant's version of the facts as well as the prosecution to the jury, so it may decide where the truth lies. Just as the accused has the right to confront the prosecution's witnesses for the purposes of challenging their testimony, he has the right to present his own witnesses to establish a defense, the right is a fundamental element of due process law. The Supreme Court has held that a defendant denied his right to the compulsory process if the state arbitrarily denies him the right to put on the stand a witness who is physically and mentally capable of testifying to events that he has personally observed and whose testimony is relevant and material to the defense.) Had the petitioner's rights to due process not been vio-

lated majority of the evidence in question could have been submitted to evidence and used at trial. This is the cause and prejudice side of the petitioners claim. Clearly established law has been ignored and the lower courts have went by their own state litigation practice. Going to trial without the defenses exculpatory evidence improperly influenced the jury to believe only one side of the case against the defendant. The defense with the enforcement of proper procedures could definitely raised a reasonable doubt in the mind of debatable jurors of reason. (Slovik v. Yates 556, F. 3d 747, 755 (9th Cir 2001); Improper curtailment of defense cross-examination by applying state-rules not constitutional; Constitutional Law-Criminal Process-The United States Supreme Court has emphasized at the focus of the confrontational clause is on the individual witness and the focus of the prejudice inquiry in determining whether the confrontation right has been violated must be on a particular witness, not on the outcome of the entire trial; a criminal defendant states a violation of the confrontational clause by showing that he was prohibited from engaging in otherwise appropriate cross-examination designed to show a prototypical form of bias on part of the witness. Accordingly the defendant has met his burden when he has shown that a reasonably juror might have received a significantly different impression of a witness credibility had the defense been premitted to pursue their purposed line of cross-examination.)

1 In the disposition of the state court, there was no discre-
2 pancy about the defenses request to file a 1538.5 motion
3 to suppress evidence. The defense did agree to have this
4 motion heard after Preliminary. It was never the defenses
5 intention to file a 995 motion as the court had suggested,
6 because the evidence the defense sought to suppress was
7 insufficient to charge the defendant. The continuance
8 the state court is referring to was requested by the
9 people not the defendant. That was on Sept. 22, 2016 in
10 Dept. 5 in Superior Court. That is the same day the def-
11 endant waived his rights to the Preliminary hearing.
12 When the defendant came back on Sept. 26, 2016, the def-
13 ense also requested a continuance of their own. That
14 request was a verbal request, in the Readiness Dept.
15 5. The witness was also in court again, the defense knew
16 the witness had not been properly subpoenaed. The minute
17 order from that appearance on Sept. 26, 2016 needs to be
18 reviewed, as well as the subpoenas the defendant sub-
19 mitted on Sept. 6, 2016 to the Office of Assigned Counsel.
20 This Office is normally assigned to proper defendants, whi-
21 ch the defendant had been in at that time. The denial of
22 the subpoenas the private investigator did not serve
23 were provided in a receipt to the defendant. All of th-
24 at information is contained in records at their office.
25 That includes the name of the private investigator and
26 phone number to reach them, and the method they used
27 to serve the subpoena. The lack of due diligence by the
28 private investigator, violated the defendants rights.

1 The private investigator had verifiable addresses, phone
2 numbers, the name of the person. The defendant was also
3 receiving visits, and the witness was in court prior
4 to Preliminary there is no reason why the witness did
5 not receive it. The private investigator never came to the
6 jail to tell the defendant he could not locate the wit-
7 ness. They never came to the courthouse when the defe-
8 ndant was ordered to appear, to see if they could find
9 the witness. It is overly prejudice for the people to re-
10 ceive a continuance and the defense not to receive
11 their own. Both continuance request involved the pre-
12 sence of a witness. There was no logical reason for the
13 defense to go to Preliminary without their witness.
14 (Jennings v. Ragan 276 U.S. 358, 290, L. Ed. 2d 3; the distri-
15 ct court denied the petition without making any examin-
16 ation of the record proceedings in state courts, simply
17 on facts and conclusions stated in the Supreme Court of
18 Illinois affirming the conviction; it was error for the
19 district court to dismiss the habeas corpus petition
20 without a hearing when it had not satisfied itself
21 after examination of the state court record, of the
22 appropriateness of such a dismissal; (Brown v. Allen 344.
23 U.S. 443, 463-465, 506, 97 L. Ed. 469, 492, 514, 79 S. Ct.
24 397; Rogers v. Richmond 357 U.S. 220, 2 L. Ed 1361, 78 S.
25 Ct. 1365) The petitioner's third claim was based on in-
26 effective assistance of counsel. On Oct. 11, 2016 the
27 defendant was to be arraigned on the charges, during
28 that time the defendant requested counsel. The

petitioner had every right to ask for a lawyer under the 6th Amendment. From Oct. 11, 2016 to Nov. 21, 2016 the petitioner was represented by counsel, until the defendant requested a Marsden Hearing. The reason the petitioner requested a Marsden Hearing was not to resume self-representation, but because counsel had created a conflict of interest. Counsel had no strategy did not investigate any of the exculpatory evidence so it could be used at trial. Counsel continuously tried to get the defendant to plead guilty when more than likely he could have been found innocent. Even though the defendant had been in self-representation, the moment the defendant requested counsel he is entitled to effective representation. That assistance has to at least be reasonable. Adjudication of the third claim in state court was only half-way adjudicated on according to the district court, under the two-prong Strickland standard. None of the claim was analyzed with the exculpatory evidence and applied directly to this claim. (Johnson v. Bagley 544 F.3d 592, 602 (6th Cir 2008)); The state court of appeals unreasonably applied Strickland when it held otherwise in determining that Johnson's counsel was constitutionally adequate, the court principally concluded that counsel had discovered the relevant evidence, as shown by the fact that most of the additional evidence could be found in some form either in the testimony or in the documents, admitted at the mitigation hear-

ing; *Babbitt v. Calderon* 115 F.3d. 1170 (1998). During the Marsden Hearing the defendant stated what complications he was having in regards to gathering certain exculpatory evidence (including the testimony) and the subpoenas. These were pre-trial discrepancies that the defendant had asked counsel to follow up on. However counsel did not do any of this and the defendant requested a Marsden Hearing. Their lack of performance definitely prejudiced the defendant when he could have been found innocent. The defendant was scheduled to go to trial 2 weeks later. Prior to the Marsden Hearing counsel called the defendant while he was in jail and insinuated his guiltiness. Counsel then proceeded to tell the defendant he would never win at trial, and that the jury would find him guilty. Counsel never came to the jail to discuss what was in the discovery, with the defendant, that was important because counsel should have been preparing a defense. The defendant explained to counsel that he was innocent and did not want to sign any plea bargain. After this counsel continued to try and negotiate, even when the D.A. said it was not inclined to negotiate anymore. (*Strickland v. Washington* 466 U.S. 688, 687, 80 L.Ed.2d 674, 104 S.Ct. 2052 (1984); a petitioner who seeks to overturn his conviction on grounds of ineffective assistance of counsel must prove his entitlement to relief by a preponderance of evidence; Effective counsel must conduct a reasonable

amount of pre-trial investigation; When a defense counsel fails to investigate his clients only possible defense although requested by him to do so it can hardly be said the defendant has had effective assistance of counsel; the petitioner has the burden of persuasion to demonstrate that the ineffectiveness created not only a possibility of prejudice, but that it worked to his actual and substantial disadvantage. If he successfully satisfies this burden, the habeas corpus must be granted, unless the state proves that counsels ineffectiveness was harmless beyond a reasonable doubt.) Counsels choice not to investigate did irreparable harm to the defenses case. The defendant was left in a vulnerable position, to defend himself, and to do this without the exculpatory evidence defied all reason. The only evidence reviewed by counsel was the evidence the prosecution had, none of that involved the defense exculpatory evidence to contradict the prosecutions case. Telling a client to plea guilty when the total want of evidence points to his innocence. (Johnson v. Bagley 54 F. 3d 592, 1002 (6th Cir 2008); the petitioners counsel was not in a position to make reasonable strategic choices because the investigation supporting their choices was unreasonable; Wiggins 539 U.S. 536; In the Johnson case - competent counsel could have put on evidence that differed in a substantial way in strength and matter.) The district courts review de novo of the two prong Strickland standard without applying the value of the excul-

1 patory evidence to determine counsels unreasonable-
2 ness is clearly erroneous. Counsel's lack of performance
3 contribute to major errors in the Pre-Trial proceed-
4 ings that violated the defendants 6th and 14th Amen-
5 dment rights. (Powell v. Alabama 77 L. Ed. 158, 287 U.S.
6 45 (1982); Criminal Law - U.S. Supreme Court Digest
7 Lawyers Edition - One charge with a crime is as much
8 entitled to assistance of counsel in preparing for
9 trial, as the trial itself - In any, event the circum-
10 stances lends emphasis to the conclusion that perhaps
11 during the most critical period of the proceedings
12 against these defendants that is to say from the
13 time of their arraignment, until the beginning of
14 their trial, when consultation, through-going investig-
15 ation, and preparation were vitally important, the def-
16 endants did not have the aid of counsel in any real
17 sense. Although they were entitled to such aid during
18 that period as the trial itself; People ex rel. Burgess
19 v. Risley 166 How. R. 67; Batchelor v. State 189, Ind 69, 76,
20 125 N.E 773) The trial court committed plain error by not
21 requiring counsel to investigate. (Jackson v. Virginia 443
22 U.S. 307, 61 L. Ed (506-504), 99 S. Ct. 2781; Appeal & Er-
23 ror 77 Trial 299-321, Even if the evidence of guilt is ov-
24 erwhelming this power does not include a power to
25 enter an unreasonable verdict of guilty, the applicati-
26 on of the beyond a reasonable doubt standard to evid-
27 ence not being irretrievable committed to jury discretion.)
28 The Marsden Hearing judge after questioning counsel

1 was able to gain some understanding of what the case
2 entails. The judge at that time made no inquiry into
3 what could be an exculpatory defense for the defendant.
4 Nor did the judge assess the evidence to determine
5 why it was valuable to the defense. Nor did the judge
6 ask counsel what they were doing in regards to that
7 evidence to help the defendant, and apply it to counsel's
8 duty to perform effectively. (Avery v. Prelesnik 548 F.
9 3d 434, 435, 439 (6th Cir 2009); the petitioner is ar-
10 guing that his counsel's efforts to investigate potent-
11 ial alibi witnesses in preparation for trial were defi-
12 cient. While counsel made at least some attempt to
13 contact alibi witnesses. The Federal Court of Appeals
14 believed the investigation was far less than complete.
15 The potential alibi witnesses, coupled with an otherwise
16 weak case, rendered the failure to investigate the te-
17 stimony sufficient to undermine confidence in the
18 outcome of the jury verdict. The jury was deprived of
19 the right to hear testimony that could have supplied
20 a reasonable doubt.) According to the Marsden hearing
21 transcript, the petitioner realized counsel's unreason-
22 ableness and the conflict it created in the defense.
23 So the first prong of the Strickland in a general sen-
24 se, meaning counsel made some appearances, and did
25 some negotiation, was part of counsel's obligation. That
26 does not mean that counsel didn't render ineffective
27 assistance while in representation. The second prong
28 applies more directly to the petitioner's claim, because

1 With effective assistance of counsel, the petitioner
2 might have been found innocent. The state court did
3 not understand how the exculpatory evidence in ques-
4 tion applied to this case. The record was insufficient
5 because of the due process violations. That same record
6 is the one the state court used to make its determin-
7 ation. The district court also erred in its decision be-
8 cause it used the same factfinder. The petitioner never
9 received an evidentiary hearing on the evidence,
10 that counsel did not investigate. (Townsend v. Sain 372.
11 293 U.S. 28 U.S.C. 2254(d) 83 S. Ct. 745, 9 L. Ed. 2d; the
12 States determination of facts not binding in Federal
13 Habeas Corpus proceedings if not based on full and fair
14 fact finding procedures; The Supreme Court in Townse-
15 nd held, that where findings of fact are in dispute,
16 an evidentiary hearing must be held by the district cou-
17 rt if the habeas applicant did not receive a full and
18 fair hearing in state court.) The petitioner did reserve
19 the right to effective counsel, and to be defended un-
20 til proven guilty. For the state court and the district
21 court to determine that the exculpatory evidence had
22 no relevancy in the outcome is clearly erroneous.
23 (Chapman v. California 17 L. Ed 2d. 705, 386, U.S. 18,
24 824, 17 L. Ed 705 (1967); Alternately when counsel is
25 faulted for his failure to develop and present a
26 certain line of evidence, application of the Chapman
27 rule would require the state to prove that the fail-
28 ure to produce certain evidence was harmless beyond

a reasonable doubt, even though the evidence is more readily available to the petitioner. In any ineffective case, a particular decision not to investigate must be directly assessed for reasonableness in all the circumstances, applying a heavy measure of deference to counsel's judgement under Strickland, trial counsel has a duty to investigate a case, this includes the obligation, to investigate all witnesses who may have information concerning his or hers client's guilt or innocence.) Once counsel was relieved the petitioner was left with no other option but to resume self-representation. The trial court abused its discretion for not probing the conflict of interest challenge and holding counsel responsible for their failure to investigate. Even after the defendant's contention in regards to counsel, counsel remained in representation for 2 more days. On Nov. 22, 2016 the defendant appeared again in court, but never spoke to counsel who the defendant had been informed of was going to meet with the defendant. On Nov. 23, 2016 the defendant again came to court for a readiness conference with counsel still in representation. Once again the counsel tried to get the defendant to plead guilty. Counsel knew the defendant did not want them in representation anymore. That was due to the fact counsel did no investigation or gathering of exculpatory evidence. Counsel did not appear again after those proceedings and the petitioner went to trial.

1 Mickens v. Taylor 538 U.S. 168, 170; rejecting habeas Corp.
2 US petitioners argument where trial judge neglects duty
3 to inquire into potential conflict, the defendant in
4 order to obtain reversal of the judgement, need only
5 show that his lawyer was subject to the conflict of
6 interest and need not show that the conflict adversely
7 affected counsel's performance.) Both Courts have
8 ignored clearly established law and failed to recog-
9 nize the infringements of the petitioners rights. The
10 trial was fundamentally incorrect and violated the
11 petitioners 14th Amendment right to a Fair trial.
12 The presumption of correctness used ~~and~~ is clearly
13 erroneous many structural errors occurred. (Robert-
14 son v. Cain 324 F. 3d. 297, 301 (5th Cir 2003); The United
15 States Supreme Court recognizes two categories of
16 Constitutional violations, trial errors, and structural
17 errors, Trial errors occur during the presentation
18 of the case to the jury and is amendable to the
19 harmless. error analysis because it may be quantit-
20 atively assessed in the context of other evidence
21 presented in order to determine whether it's admi-
22 ssion was harmless, On the otherhand structural def-
23 ects defy analysis by the harmless error standards
24 and require automatic reversal of the conviction
25 because they affect the constitutional mechanism
26 of the trial and therefore the entire trial.) The Four-
27 th Claim brought by the petitioner is his Right to be
28 Free From Cruel and Unusual punishment. That includ

es but is not limited to Excessive Fines and Punish-
ments, That includes, but is not limited to Excess-
ive Fines and Punishment. The petitioner contends
that his Sentence 17yrs. In prison is excessive bec-
ause of the Enhancements Used. and Implemented
Without due process. of law. The petitioner also recieved
a \$5,100.00 Fine which is beyond his ability to pay.
This is the Petitioners Final Claim.

CONCLUSION

The petitioner's Constitutional rights to the Complysory Process, Due Process, and a Fair Trial were violated under the 6th and 14th Amendments. Under the 8th Amendment the petitioner received both excessive punishment and fine. The sentence given to the defendant was stipulated in enhancements, that gave the defendant more time. The fine the defendant received was beyond his ability to pay. The district court has used the wrong standard of review. Special deference needs to be used because the district court is clearly erroneous. The district court did not hold an evidentiary hearing. The defenses case was far stronger than the state and district courts were led to believe. Without negligence on the defendant's part tremendous amounts of exculpatory evidence was omitted from the record. The trial itself contained many structural defects and was fundamentally incorrect. (Poindexter v. Booker 301 Fed. Appx. 522, 524, 531, 2005 U.S. (6th Cir 2008); state appellate court unreasonably applied the Strickland v. Washington in rejecting ineffective assistance challenge to counsel who failed to investigate and present alibi testimony.) The lack of performance by counsel definitely prejudiced the defendant. The petitioner's case needs to be remanded back to the district court for an evidentiary

1 hearing. The petitioner has not received an evidentiary
2 hearing a Full and Fair hearing is required. (Keeney
3 V. Tamayo-Reyes 504 U.S. 1, 118 L. Ed. 2d 318, 112 S.
4 Ct. 1715 (1992); State must afford the petitioner a
5 Full and Fair hearing on his Federal claim, or else
6 Federal rehearing on the fact is required; Stone v.
7 Powell 428 U.S. 465, 494-495 n.37 (1967). The petition
8 for certiorari should be granted. There still exist
9 mixed questions of law and fact that have been un-
10 answered. The petitioner's rights have been violated
11 and review by this court is needed.

12
13 Date: 1/2/2020

Kenyatta Quinn Mitchell

14 Time: 8:00 am

in Pro Se

15
16 X Kenyatta Mitchell
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28