

No. 21-_____

IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

TESFA CONNELL,

Petitioner,

v.

STATE OF NEW YORK,

Respondent.

On Petition for a Writ of Certiorari
to the New York Supreme Court,
Appellate Division, Second Department

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

Petitioner Tesfa Connell seeks leave to file the enclosed Petition for a Writ of Certiorari without prepayment of costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Petitioner has previously been granted leave to proceed as a poor person in the New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Second Department. The New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Second Department appointed counsel in the current proceeding. No affidavit is

attached because the Appellate Division appointed counsel for petitioner as reflected in the copy of the appointment order appended pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 39.1.

Respectfully submitted on this 17th day of February 2021.

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SYLVIA HINDS-RADIX, JJ.

2015-06138

The People, etc., respondent,
v Tesfa Connell, appellant.

(Ind. No. 2762/13)

DECISION & ORDER ON MOTION
Motion for Poor Person Relief
and to Assign Counsel

Renewed motion by the appellant pro se for leave to prosecute an appeal from a judgment of the Supreme Court, Kings County, rendered June 21, 2015, as a poor person, and for the assignment of counsel.

Upon the papers filed in support of the motion and the papers filed in relation thereto, it is

ORDERED that the motion is granted; and it is further,

ORDERED that the appeal will be heard on the original papers (including a certified transcript of the proceedings, if any) and on the appellant's and the respondent's briefs; the parties are directed to file nine copies of their respective briefs and to serve one copy on each other; and it is further,

ORDERED that the stenographer of the trial court is directed promptly to make, certify, and file two transcripts of the proceedings of any pretrial hearings, of the plea of guilty or of the trial, and of the imposition of sentence in this action, except for those minutes previously transcribed and certified (see 22 NYCRR 671.9); and it is further,

ORDERED that in the event that the case was tried to a conclusion before a jury, the stenographer shall also make, certify, and file two transcripts of the minutes of proceedings during jury selection; and it is further,

ORDERED that the Clerk of the trial court shall furnish one certified transcript of each of the proceedings set forth above to the appellant's counsel, without charge (see CPL 460.70); assigned counsel is directed to turn over those transcripts to the respondent when counsel serves the appellant's brief on the respondent; and it is further,

ORDERED that in the event the stenographer has already prepared a copy of any

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of the minutes for a codefendant, then the Clerk of the trial court is directed to reproduce a copy thereof for assigned counsel; and it is further,

ORDERED that upon service of a copy of this decision and order on motion upon it, the Department of Probation is hereby authorized and directed to provide assigned counsel with a copy of the presentence report prepared in connection with the appellant's sentencing, including the recommendation sheet and any prior reports on the appellant which are incorporated in or referred to in the report; and it is further,

ORDERED that in the event an issue as to the legality, propriety, or excessiveness of the sentence is raised on appeal, or if assigned counsel cites or relies upon the probation report in a brief or motion in any other way, counsel shall provide a complete copy of such report and any attachments to the Court and the District Attorney's office prior to the filing of such brief or motion; and it is further,

ORDERED that pursuant to County Law § 722 the following named attorney is assigned as counsel to prosecute the appeal;

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and it is further,

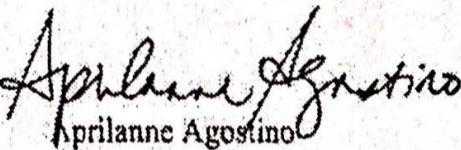
ORDERED that the appellant's time to perfect the appeal is enlarged; assigned counsel shall prosecute the appeal expeditiously in accordance with this Court's rules (see 22 NYCRR 670.1, *et seq.*) and written directions; and it is further,

ORDERED that in the event the file has been sealed, it is hereby unsealed for the limited purpose of allowing assigned counsel or his or her representative access to the record for the purpose of preparing the appeal; such access shall include permission to copy the papers insofar as they pertain to the appellant; and it is further,

ORDERED that assigned counsel is directed to serve a copy of this decision and order on motion upon the clerk of the court from which the appeal is taken.

LEVENTHAL, J.P., CHAMBERS, COHEN and HINDS-RADIX, JJ., concur.

ENTER:


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