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IN THE

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

STEVE L. STANALAND, JR.,  
*Petitioner*

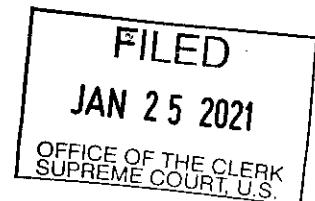
v.

STATE OF FLORIDA,  
*Respondent.*

ORIGINAL

ON PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT-MIDDLE DISTRICT  
JACKSONVILLE DIVISION

AMENDED  
PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI



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## QUESTIONS PRESENTED

*This may very well be in this case and across the Nation, the most important and the biggest question is.*

*(Specifically)*

*[If] you live in the middle of the Woods and/or outskirts of a city or a town, in a desolate place a long ways from the*

*1. (A) Police or sheriff's dept.*

*1. (B) As constitutional provisions 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment. Shouldn't you be legally entitled to keep and bear arms when your not a convicted-felon, to protect yourself and your spouse and family from assault (bodily harm) with a firearm acting as like a law enforcement on your own property?*

*2.) When an Indictment states "Murder w/a firearm," and says a man is shot with a shotgun, should a defendant be convicted (in this case) when there's NO FIREARM that's produced in court of trial?*

*3.) Should a defendant be convicted of murder with a firearm (in this case) on circumstantial evidence case with no gun?*

*4.) Should an attorney pursue a defense of self-defense when evidence exist as such, in the situation as in Stanaland's case.*

*5. (A) Is it proper to suppress 206 pages of the Defendant's Testimony Evidence that supports self-defense in a murder case as in Stanaland's case. In an interview with a cold-case Detective Cris Wensil, when arrested?*

*5. (B) Specifically, even though he invoked his constitutional right to an attorney early on in this interview, wouldn't this exculpatory evidence, and direct evidence, explaining what really happened, should have been brought into the trial, is this a violation of due process rights of the Petitioner Mr. Stanaland.*

### LIST OF PARTIES

All parties appear in the caption of the case on the cover page.

All parties **do not** appear in the caption of the case on the cover page. A list of all parties to the proceeding in the court whose judgment is the subject of this petition as follows:

### RELATED CASES

1. Name and location of court that entered the judgment of conviction, that I am challenging: Seventh Judicial Circuit, St. Johns County, Florida Case No.: 2008-002193-CFMA.
  
2. Direct Appeal: Fifth District Court of Appeals, Daytona Beach, Florida Case No.: 5D11-2322
  
3. Seventh Judicial Circuit, St. Johns County, Florida 2008-002193-CFMA. Rule 3.800(c) mitigation/modification Motion.
  
4. Rule 3.850 post-conviction motion, same as above, court.
  
- 5.Appealed to the Fifth District Court of Appeal, Daytona Beach, Florida Case No.: 5D16-5.

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**STATUTE(S) AND RULE(S)**

**3.6 (f)** Justifiable use of deadly force.

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Other Petitioner has [No] prior felony convictions.

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Petitioner respectfully prays that a writ of certiorari issue to review the judgment below.

OPINIONS BELOW

[ X ] For cases from **federal courts**:

The opinion of the United States court of appeals appears at Appendix \_\_\_\_\_ to the petition and is

[ ] reported at \_\_\_\_\_; or,  
[ ] has been designated for publication but is not yet reported; or,  
[ ] is unpublished.

The opinion of the United States district court appears at Appendix \_\_\_\_\_ to the petition and is

[ ] reported at \_\_\_\_\_; or,  
[ ] has been designated for publication but is not yet reported; or,  
[ ] is unpublished.

[ X ] For case from **state courts**:

The opinion of the highest state court to review the merits appears at Appendix \_\_\_\_\_ to the petition and is

[ ] reported at \_\_\_\_\_; or,  
[ ] has been designated for publication but is not yet reported; or,  
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[ ] reported at \_\_\_\_\_; or,  
[ ] has been designated for publication but is not yet reported; or,  
[ ] is unpublished.

## **JURISDICTION**

For cases from **federal courts**:

The date on which the United States Court of Appeals decided my case was filed January 27, 2020.

No petition for rehearing was timely filed in my case.

A timely petition for hearing was denied by the United States Court of Appeals on the following date: August 26, 2020, and a copy of the order denying rehearing appears at Appendix \_\_\_\_\_.

An extension of time to file the petition for a writ of certiorari was granted to and including 150 days on March 19, 2020 in Application No. \_\_\_ A \_\_\_\_.

The jurisdiction of this Court is invoked under 28 U.S.C. §1254(1).

For cases from **state courts**:

The date on which the highest state court decided my case was Fifth DCA, June 5, 2017: Mandate from DCA Fifth District 7-25-17.

A copy of that decision appears at Appendix \_\_\_\_\_.

A timely petition for rehearing was thereafter denied on the following date: August 2017, and a copy of the order denying rehearing appears at Appendix \_\_\_\_\_.

An extension of time to file the petition for a writ of certiorari was granted to and including \_\_\_\_\_ (date) on \_\_\_\_\_ (date) in Application No. \_\_\_ A \_\_\_\_.

The jurisdiction of this Court is invoked under 28 U.S.C. §1257(a).

## CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY PROVISIONS INVOLVED

### UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT 2020

554 U.S. 570: District of *Columbia v. Heller*: March 18, 2008 dissent.

The Second Amendment protects a “collective right” or an “individual right.” Surely it protects a right that can be enforced by individuals.

But a conclusion that the Second Amendment protects an individual right does not tell us anything about the scope of that right.

Guns are used to hunt, for self-defense, to commit crimes, for sporting activities, and to perform military duties.

The Second Amendment plainly does not protect the right to use a gun to rob a bank; it is equally clear that it does encompass the right to use weapons for certain military purposes.

Whether it also protects the right to possess and use guns for nonmilitary *purposes like hunting and personal self-defense* 554 U.S. 637 is the question presented by this case; as in Stanaland's case 206 pages of the

Interview by Cris Wensil that was suppressed by stipulation. Invoked Miranda right to attorney....supported self-defense Stanaland had a legal right to own and possess a firearm,

The text of the Amendment, its history, and our decision in *United States v. Miller*, 307 U.S. 174, 59 S. Ct. 816, 83 L. Ed. 1206, 1939-1 C.B. 373 (1939), provides a clear answer to that question.

## QUESTION(S) PRESENTED

6.) Should a lower trial court's decision be reversed due to a Brady/Discovery violation when an officer of the law a government agent made a statement tot a witness that has written an affidavit regarding: \* Withheld form the defense in the trial. Newly Discovered Evidence that someone did society a favor when the shot the victim in this case "sub judice." \* By taking another drug dealer off the streets of St. Augustine, Florida.

7.) Does this case apply to Mr. Stanaland's? The following cases? U.S. Supreme Court, 2020 556 U.S. 449: Cone v. Bell: December 9, 2008 concur- The unique procedural

Posture of this case represents a Brady claim neither barred under state rules for failure to raise it nor decide in the state system. When it comes to that claim, the court specifies that the appropriate legal standard is the one we set forth in Kyles.

{556 U.S. 447 v. Whitley, 514 U.S. 419; See: Bagley, 473 U.S. at 676, Exculpatory evidence subject to Brady disclosure

(1) Contrary to the incorrect standard for materiality that the Court of Appeals may have used, the State's disclosure obligation turns on the cumulative effect of all such suppressed evidence; and (2) a prosecutor remains responsible for gauging that effect regardless of any failure by the police to bring favorable evidence to the prosecutor's attention.

8.) In. Id. Mr. Stanaland's case at hand, the importance of the legal issue's presented, maybe merits review on certiorari by the Honorable Supreme Court of the United States of America?

## STATEMENT OF THE CASE

\* (Key) The record pages will be referred as (T.T.) ( R. ) Trial Transcript.

\* Mr. Stanaland's interview with Detective Cris Wensil, that was suppressed evidence of self-defense was suppressed through stipulation by Attorney Micheal Nielsen. Because Mr. Stanaland had invoked his Miranda rights and asked for an attorney early in this interview supra.

\* However, this valuable direct evidence of self-defense would have supported Mr. Stanaland's defense of self-defense \* exculpatory evidence attorney Nielsen left out of the trial.

(Key) These testimony pages will be referred to a (T.)

\* Mr. Stanaland's version of the events leading up to the death of Jesse "PeeWee" Whitley;

(R.) T.T. 651 "Becky" Stanaland's fiancee was raped and beaten by PeeWee. Becky had a black-eye, swollen face and a busted lip from the beating. (T. 58-59, 65, 69, 71, 90, 128-129). Motive for Becky to shoot Jesse Whitley.

\* Mr. Whitley came over with a stereo in the work truck he had borrowed from Stanaland and set up the stereo. He also brought a gun, a .357 magnum with a Western holster, and both were brought as payment towards the truck;

(T. 70-71, 109, 125, 147-148).

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\* Stanaland also believed that PeeWee felt bad about raping Becky. (T. 109-125, 147-148).

\* Stanaland and PeeWee then go out onto the front porch where Stanaland confronts PeeWee about the rape of Becky. (T. 63, 66, 72-73, 110, 148).

(R.) (T.T. 641, 650) During the time Becky grabbed PeeWee's .357 magnum off the bar in the kitchen and makes her way out to where PeeWee and Stanaland are standing on the porch and points the gun at PeeWee. Becky is visibly upset, angry and shaking. (R.) (T.T. 443-578, 628) Becky then shoots PeeWee in the back. (T. 33, 74-77, 109, 121, 128, 145, 152-156, 160).

(R.) (T.T. 630-636) PeeWee Whitley then falls off porch pull's his pistol from the small of his back and fires back at Becky and Stanaland. (T. 79, 81, 121-122, 158, 163, 200) (R.) (T.T. 284, 300, 305, 291, 299).

T, 163 Jesse "PeeWee" Whitley had a gun, He pointed it at her (Becky) and he pointed it at me Steve Stanaland. \* We (Becky and I) were on my property and residence where we both lived at, and both in fear of our lives.

### **REASONS FOR GRANTING THE PETITION**

\* In the interest of justice and the citizens of this country's public interest, otherwise this would undermine the integrity of the citizens confidence in the courts. Also, this could effect people across the nations firearms cases.

\* In addition, because this is a miscarriage of justice. And a grossly unfair outcome in a judicial proceeding, as when a defendant is convicted despite of a lack of physical evidence and a lack of evidence on an essential element of the crime.

\* Specifically, when the death-penalty is on the table, against the defendant.

\* In conclusion, the argument by the Petitioner's is made out of constitutional, fundamental fairness, and Mr. Stanaland's due process rights.

## CONCLUSION

Review should be granted to answer these questions that determine whether self-representation is more than an empty ritual.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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