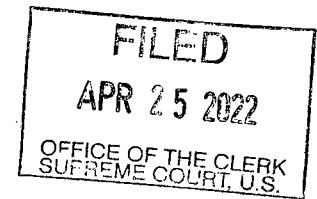


No. 21-8210 ORIGINAL



IN THE

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES.

Ralph Lee Prose — PETITIONER  
(Your Name)

vs.

Brian E. Fresh "et al." — RESPONDENT(S)

ON PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO

In The Court of Appeals of MARYLAND  
(NAME OF COURT THAT LAST RULED ON MERITS OF YOUR CASE)

PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI

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## QUESTION(S) PRESENTED

1. Did the lower court violate Maryland Rule 4-215 and Appellant's constitutional rights by failing to ensure that he knowingly and voluntarily waived his right to counsel?
2. Did the lower court violate Maryland Rule 4-246 and Appellant's constitutional rights by failing to ensure that he knowingly and voluntarily waived ~~1~~ his right to a jury trial?
3. Did the court of appeals of Maryland error in Denied writ of certiorari, Fundamental rights and Constitutional rights 6<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> amendment Article 21 of Maryland Declaration of Rights?

## 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 is as follows:

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

**OPINIONS BELOW**

For cases from **federal courts**:

The opinion of the United States court of appeals appears at Appendix N/A to the petition and is

reported at N/A; 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 is unpublished.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 N/A to the petition and is

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For cases from **state courts**:

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

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The opinion of the Special Appeals of Maryland court appears at Appendix E to the petition and is

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## JURISDICTION

For cases from federal courts:

The date on which the United States Court of Appeals decided my case was N/A.

No petition for rehearing was timely filed in my case.

A timely petition for rehearing was denied by the United States Court of Appeals on the following date: N/A, and a copy of the order denying rehearing appears at Appendix N/A.

An extension of time to file the petition for a writ of certiorari was granted to and including N/A (date) on N/A (date) in Application No. N/A A N/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 6/15/22. A copy of that decision appears at Appendix F.

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

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

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

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## STATEMENT OF THE CASE

On March 5 & 6, 2019, in the Circuit Court for Baltimore County, in case number 03-K-18003918, the honorable John J. Nagle presiding, Appellant, Ralph Lee, was tried by the court on charges of first and second degree assault and multiple gun possession charges. Judge Nagle convicted Appellant of possession of a firearm; possession of a firearm after a felony conviction; first and second degree assault; illegal possession of a regulated firearm; and wear/carry/transport. On December 17, 2019, after denying Appellant's Motion for New Trial, Judge Nagle sentenced Appellant to: 12 years for possession of a ~~and~~ firearm while prohibited; a concurrent ten years for possession of a firearm while prohibited, first five without parole; a consecutive twenty years, (spending all but 15 years for first degree assault (second degree assault merged); a concurrent five years for possession of illegal firearm; and a concurrent two years and a day for wear/carry/transport a handgun.)

## REASONS FOR GRANTING THE PETITION

We stray, *supra*, at 686. In any event, Appellant again further requests:

1.) That this Court review under Maryland Rule 8-131 (a) the issue whether the finding of a jury trial waiver was in violation of Rule 4-246, in either form or substance, as it was an issue clearly "decided by" the lower court (and erroneously so); and/or, 2) that this Court find that the nature of a *Johnson v. Zerbst* type waiver, by way of an "intentional relinquishment" of a right under the State and Federal Constitutional framework, is not subject to waiver by mere procedural default. See, e.g., *Rose v. State*, *supra*; *Curtis v. State*, *supra*. Alternatively, Appellant asserts that this Court should exercise its discretion to review Appellant's claims as "plain error," *Kelly v. State*, *supra*, because the deficiency in the jury trial waiver was not a mere technical violation and is of constitutional magnitude in respect to the fundamental right to a jury trial.

### **CONCLUSION**

For the foregoing reasons, Appellant respectfully requests that this Court reverse the judgement of the court below.

The petition for a writ of certiorari should be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph Lee

Date: June 15, 2022