

No. 22-7801

IN THE

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

Supreme Court, U.S.  
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IMMANUEL PRICE — PETITIONER  
(Your Name)

vs.

SCOTT KERNAN — RESPONDENT(S)

ON PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO

NINTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS  
(NAME OF COURT THAT LAST RULED ON MERITS OF YOUR CASE)

PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI

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### QUESTION(S) PRESENTED

- ① THE QUESTION I HAD ASKED THE LOWER COURTS WAS WHETHER OR NOT I WAS ENTITLED TO THE EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE OF COUNSEL, DURING THE PLEA BARGAINING STAGE, IN A MIXED FORM OF REPRESENTATION WHERE I REPRESENTED MYSELF PRO PER FOR ONE CASE INCLUDED IN A 'GLOBAL PLEA OFFER' AND REPRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC DEFENDERS OFFICE FOR THE OTHER TWO CASES INCLUDED IN THE GLOBAL PLEA OFFER.
- ② AND WHETHER OR NOT UNDER THIS UNIQUE SET OF FACTS I HAD RECEIVED EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE OF COUNSEL.

## TABLE OF AUTHORITIES CITED

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STATUTES AND RULES RULES OF THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA

RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT - RULE 2-100 (COMMUNICATION w/ REPRESENTED PARTY)

OTHER

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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 A 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☒ is unpublished.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

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☐ For cases from **state courts**:

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

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CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY PROVISIONS INVOLVED

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## STATEMENT OF THE CASE

I HAD THREE SEPERATE FELONY CASES PENDING IN THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT. THE CASE NUMBERS ARE SCD 249272, SCD 255402 AND SCE 338346.

I WAS PRO PER FOR CASE SCE 338346.

COUNSEL FROM THE SAN DIEGO PUBLIC DEFENDERS OFFICE WAS ASSIGNED TO REPRESENT ME FOR CASES SCD 249272 AND SCD 255402. DENIS LAINEZ WAS COUNSEL OF RECORD.

THE PROSECUTOR, IN CASE SCE 338346 OFFERED TO CONSULT WITH HER SUPERVISOR TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF RESOLVING ALL THREE OF THE ABOVE NUMBERED CASES IN A "GLOBAL PLEA OFFER", ON JUNE 26, 2014, IN OPEN COURT.

ON JUNE 27, 2014 I APPEARED IN COURT, IN CASE SCE 338346. A SUBSTITUTE PROSECUTOR, STANDING IN FOR MS. SPITZBERG, THE PROSECUTOR ASSIGNED TO CASE SCE 338346 AND WHO OFFERED TO CONSULT WITH HER SUPERVISOR REGARDING A 'GLOBAL PLEA OFFER'; APPEARED WITH INFORMATION THAT THE STATE WAS OFFERING ME 17 YEARS 8 MONTHS FOR 'GLOBAL RESOLUTION' OF THE THREE CASES.

[CONT ON S.D.C 2]

1 ALTHOUGH DENIS LAINES, DEPUTY PUBLIC DEFENDER  
2 WAS ASSIGNED TO REPRESENT ME FOR CASES  
3 SCD 249272 AND SCD 255402, AND HE AND  
4 PROSECUTOR MS. SPITZBERG HAD, HAD PRIOR  
5 CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A  
6 'GLOBAL PLEA OFFER' INCLUDING CASES SCD 249272  
7 AND SCD 255402, TO WHICH HE WAS ASSIGNED;  
8 DENIS LAINES WAS NOT PRESENT IN COURT  
9 WITH ME ON JUNE 27, 2014.

10 INSTEAD A MARISSA REMIKER FROM THE  
11 PUBLIC DEFENDERS OFFICE WAS PRESENT. I HAD  
12 NEVER MET MS. REMIKER BEFORE. MS. REMIKER  
13 WAS NOT FAMILIAR WITH MY CASES OR THE  
14 REASON FOR WHY I WAS EVEN IN COURT ON  
15 JUNE 27, 2014 AND THE JUDGE, EVEN NOTED  
16 AS MUCH FOR THE RECORD AT RT 1:1-28  
17 (SCF 338346 JUNE 27, 2014) BY STATING THAT  
18 MS. REMIKER 'DOESN'T KNOW WHATS GOING ON'  
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20 THE PROSECUTOR AND THE COURT INFORMED ME  
21 THAT REJECTION OF THE OFFER OF 17 YEARS  
22 EIGHT MONTHS COULD RESULT IN A POTENTIAL  
23 MAXIMUM OF '30 ODD YEARS' IN PRISON IN  
24 CASE OF A GUILTY VERDICT ON ALL CHARGES  
25 IN THE THREE CASES AFTER TRIAL.  
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27 [CONT ON S.D.C 3]

S.D.C 2



1 MS REMIKER, WHO WAS STANDING IN FOR DENIS LAINEZ  
2 DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE PLEA PROCEEDING  
3 AT ALL.

4 WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT I WAS FACING  
5 A MAXIMUM OF 30 ORSOYEARS IF FOUND GUILTY  
6 ON ALL CHARGES IN THE THREE CASES. I  
7 REJECTED THE 17 YEAR EIGHT MONTH OFFER.  
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9 ON JULY 18, 2014, MS. SPITZBERG MOVED TO  
10 ALLEGE ANOTHER STRIKE THAT SHE CLAIMED  
11 THAT SHE FOUND, IN CASE SCE 338346.  
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13 ALLEGING THIS SECOND STRIKE MEANT THAT IN  
14 CASE SCE 338346 ALONE, THE POTENTIAL MAXIMUM  
15 SENTENCE WAS INCREASED FROM 28 YEARS, TO  
16 40 YEARS TO LIFE.  
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18 I EXPLAINED TO THE COURT AT THAT POINT THAT  
19 IF I HAD KNOWN THAT I HAD ANOTHER STRIKE  
20 THAT WOULD BE ALLEGED, EXPOSING ME TO A  
21 POTENTIAL LIFE SENTENCE IN ANY OF MY CASES  
22 THEN I WOULD HAVE ACCEPTED THE 17 YEAR  
23 EIGHT MONTH OFFER ON JUNE 27, 2014.  
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25 I FILED A MOTION FOR SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE IN  
26 THE STATE COURT EXPLAINING THAT I HAD BEEN  
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S.O.C. 3

[CONT ON S.O.C. 4]





1 MISINFORMED AS TO THE POTENTIAL MAXIMUM  
2 SENTENCE I WAS FACING IN CASE SCB 249272  
3 WHERE I WAS REPRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC  
4 DEFENDERS OFFICE AND IN SCB 338346 WHERE  
5 I WAS PRO PER.

6 I EXPLAINED THAT I WOULD HAVE ACCEPTED  
7 THE 17 YEAR EIGHT MONTH OFFER HAD I BEEN  
8 PROPERLY ADVISED BY COUNSEL AND BY THE COURT  
9 AND THE PROSECUTOR ABOUT WHAT MY POTENTIAL  
10 MAXIMUM SENTENCE REALLY WAS IN LIGHT OF  
11 THE UNCHARGED SECOND STRIKE.  
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13 I THOUGHT THAT MS. PEMIKER WHO WAS REPRESENTING  
14 ME FOR SCB 249272, A BURGLARY CASE WHICH  
15 IN CALIFORNIA IS A 'STRIKE' OFFENSE SHOULD  
16 HAVE TOLD ME THAT THERE WAS A SECOND STRIKE  
17 THAT THE PROSECUTOR COULD POTENTIALLY ALLEGE  
18 AND THAT IF THAT STRIKE IS ALLEGED I WOULD  
19 AT THAT POINT BE FACING A LIFE SENTENCE.  
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21 I THOUGHT THAT EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE OF COUNSEL  
22 MEANT THAT DURING THE PLEA BARGAINING STAGE  
23 COUNSEL WAS REQUIRED TO INFORM ME OF THE  
24 POTENTIAL MAXIMUM SENTENCE INCLUDING THE POTENTIAL  
25 EFFECT OF ANY UNCHARGED SENTENCE ENHANCEMENTS.  
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S.O.C. 4



1 I ULTIMATELY PLED GUILTY IN EXCHANGE FOR A  
2 31 YEAR SENTENCE, TO AVOID THE POTENTIAL  
3 LIFE SENTENCE.

4 THE 31 YEAR OFFER WAS ALSO A GLOBAL PLEA  
5 OFFER RESOLVING ALL THREE OF THE ABOVE  
6 NUMBERED CASES.

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8 I ASKED THE COURT TO FIND THAT I WAS NOT  
9 PROVIDED EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE OF COUNSEL  
10 BECAUSE MS. REMIKER DID NOT INFORM ME OF  
11 THE REAL POTENTIAL MAXIMUM SENTENCE I WAS  
12 FACING, IN LIGHT OF THE UNCHARGED SECOND  
13 STRIKE, WHICH RESULTED IN MY REJECTION  
14 OF THE 17 YEAR EIGHT MONTH OFFER WHICH  
15 WAS MORE FAVORABLE THAN IT APPEARED TO  
16 ME ON JUNE 27, 2014, IN MY UNINFORMED  
17 STATE OF MIND.

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S.O.C.S



## REASONS FOR GRANTING THE PETITION

THIS CASE IS UNIQUE AND OF NATIONAL IMPORTANCE BECAUSE THE CASES IN WHICH THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT HAS ADDRESSED DEFENSE COUNSELS RESPONSIBILITIES IN MIXED REPRESENTATION CASES, WHERE THE DEFENDANT IS ALSO REPRESENTING HIMSELF IN PRO PER ARE FEW.

THE DISTRICT COURT HELD THAT BECAUSE I WAS REPRESENTING MYSELF IN PRO PER, FOR ONE OF THE CASES INCLUDED IN THE 'GLOBAL PLEA OFFER' I WAS NOT ENTITLED TO THE ASSISTANCE OF COUNSEL, ON JUNE 27, 2014.

THE NINTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS DENIED A CERTIFICATE OF APPEALABILITY.

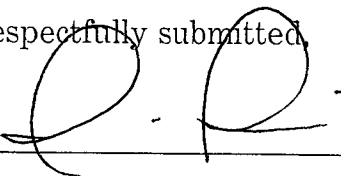
I THINK THAT CASES LIKE THIS ONE ARE LIKELY TO OCCUR AGAIN.

I AM ASKING THAT THIS COURT AFFIRM THAT COUNSEL EVEN IN FORMS OF MIXED REPRESENTATION AND DURING THE CRITICAL PLEA BARGAINING STAGE ARE STILL REQUIRED TO PROVIDE EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE OF COUNSEL INCLUDING ACCURATELY INFORMING THE DEFENDANT OF HIS MAXIMUM SENTENCE HE FACES.

## CONCLUSION

The petition for a writ of certiorari should be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Date: 5/18/2023