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APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF A  
CERTIFICATE OF APPEALABILITY  
(Fed. R. App. P. 22 (b))

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
Respondent,

v.

Petitioner,

In re ANDRE BARNES

IN THE  
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

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## RELIEF SOUGHT

Petitioner Andre Barnes, respectfully moves this court for a certificate of appealability within the meaning of section 2553 (c) of Title 28 of the United States code and Rule 22 (b) of The Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure.

## GROUNDS FOR APPLICATION

On September 14<sup>th</sup> 2021 Petitioner filed motion to vacate his conviction and sentence from judgment of the United States District Court for the Western District of New York on the grounds that the sentence was imposed in violation of Article III of the constitution the court was without jurisdiction to impose such sentence, and the sentence is subject to collateral attack because:

### 1. Violation of the warrant clause

Petitioner was arrested by warrant issued pursuant to an affidavit that is not based upon probable cause and is not sworn to under the penalty of perjury or otherwise oath "therefore conferring no jurisdiction on the Magistrate to issue the arrest warrant violating the probable cause prescription of the Fourth Amendment of the constitution of the United States made applicable to the citizens of the states through the Fourteenth Amendment.

therefore, the judgment is void on its face. The U.S.D. Ct. W.D.N.Y. is not a court of criminal jurisdiction and does not have jurisdiction to enter criminal judgments & commitment orders for convictions on indictment returned in the district court of the United States. The judgment violates the prescriptions of Article III, sec. I, and the Due Process and Equal Protection clauses guaranteed to the citizens through the Fourteenth Amendment, not omitting the separation of powers.

The caption of the Indictment identifies the court as the "district court of the United States" for the Western District of New York. The caption of the Judgment & commitment order identifies the court as the "United States District Court" for the Western District of New York.

### 3. Void Judgment and commitment order

etitioner was originally indicted by federal Grand Jury for 4 counts of criminality. After putting forth evidentiary facts negating the allegations of the 4 counts, the Attorney for the Government dismissed the indictment superseding it with a 7-count indictment and thereafter, amended it again into a 9-count second superseding indictment without resubmission to the Grand Jury violating the prescription of the Indictment clause of the Fifth Amendment of the constitution of the United States made applicable to the state citizens through the Fourteenth Amendment.

### 2. Violation of the Grand Jury clause

#### 4. Lack of Subject Matter Jurisdiction

There is no statutory nor constitutional basis for neither the district court of the United States for the Western District of New York or the United States District Court (W.D.N.Y.) to exercise subject matter jurisdiction in the lower proceedings.

Petitioner is a citizen and resident of the state of New York, the alleged actual injured parties are all citizens and residents of the state of New York; the alleged criminal events arise in the general territory of the state of New York; therefore, the federal courts cannot exercise original jurisdiction, exclusive of the courts of the state of New York based on these criminal events. There is no preemption proscribed under the Act(s) of Congress, nor is abrogation provided for by the statutes charged. Congress does not occupy the field in the area of the conduct which forms the matter of this case.

Moreover, both federal courts (sic) in the lower proceedings are usurping authority beyond the limitations imposed on the federal courts by Article III section 2, and are proceeding against the petitioner in violation of the Privileges and Immunities clause of Art. IV, Sec. 2 of the constitution of the United States and further in violation of the Due Process and Equal Protection clause provisions guaranteed to the citizens of the states through the Fourteenth Amendment. And further violates the separation of powers.

## Procedural Status of Case

An application to the judges of the supreme court for a certificate of appealability is appropriate at this time because!

1. The U.S. District Court, N.Y., entered a final appealable judgment in this matter on February 14th 2022 denying Petitioner relief on his motion to vacate under

28 U.S.C. 2255

2. Petitioner desires to appeal this judgment as is authorized by section 2255 (a) of Title 28 of the United States code. However, section 2255 (c)(1) and Appellate Rule 22(b)(1) requires a certificate of appealability as a precondition of proceeding with the appeal.

3. A timely notice of appeal directly to the supreme court was filed in this matter 3/10/2022.

4. Petitioner filed to the district court in a prompt fashion for the issuance of a certificate of appealability in this matter. It does not appear that petitioner is required to file request for the certificate in the district court by the Appellate Rules of the second circuit.

5. On 2/14/2022 the U.S. District Court, N.Y., in the same order denied petitioner's motion to vacate, it also denied petitioner a certificate of appealability. The district court stated that petitioner failed to show a substantial constitutional right. (7)

Procedural status of case continued

The U.S. District Court denied Petitioners' motion before he had opportunity to file his reply to the government's answer. Petitioner requested extension on the grounds that he was unlawfully disposed in the special housing unit (SHU) without access to his legal files. The F.B.I. also had a 14-day national prison lockdown based on violent gang war during this interval. Notwithstanding that the court granted the government a 60 day extension to answer Petitioner's motion it denied Petitioner's extension request.

A copy of Petitioner's motion to vacate under 28 U.S.C. 2255; The Government's answer; The District Court order denying the motion. The order of the U.S. Court of Appeals (2nd Cir.) denying Petitioner's direct appeal; a previous order of the court of Appeals in favor of the Petitioner recalling its mandate in support of the District Court's denial of Petitioner's writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. 2241 in related case Barnes v. Salina 9-cv-6015 (Now USCA2 # 19-284)

If permissible Petitioner requests that this motion be joined with the above-mentioned related case and put before Associate Supreme Court Justice Sotomayor, Sonia Han.

A jurisdictional statement pursuant sup. ct. R. 18.3 is forthcoming.

Petitioner request this action be construed into Petition for Writ

of habeas corpus or in the alternative Writ of Mandamus, or

certiorari pending appellate judgment pursuant 28 U.S.C. 2101 (e)

sup. ct. R 11.



## ARGUMENT IN SUPPORT OF

## ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE OF APPEALABILITY

I. Petitioner Has Raised Substantial Showings of Denial of

Constitutional Right In Issue Violation of Warrant Clause Claim.

The Warrant Clause of the Fourth Amendment Unambiguously Prohibits

or Warrant shall out upon probable cause, supported by oath or

Affirmation, applies equally to arrest as well as search warrants.

the inviolability of the accused personal liberty or home is to be

determined by the facts and not by rumor, suspicion or guess work.

to arrest or search warrant shall be issued unless the judge has

first been furnished with fact under oath. If the facts afford the

legal basis for the arrest or search warrant, the accused must

take the consequences. However, equally there must be consequences

for the accuser to face. If the sworn accusation is based on fiction,

the accuser must take the chance of punishment for perjury. Hence,

the necessity of a sworn statement of facts, because one cannot be

convicted of perjury for having a belief, though his belief is utterly

unfounded in fact and law. The finding of the legal basis or conclusion

of probable cause from the exhibited facts is a judicial function, and

it cannot be delegated by the judge to the accuser. *United*

*States 252 Fed. 414 167 C.A. 338, United States vs. Keith (DC) 272 Fed. 484*

Notwithstanding the fact that the accusatory instrument facially  
isn't sworn to under oath, however, by the complaining officer's  
own trial testimony, it would be impossible to assign perjury to it.

ing the trial at cross-examination, the complaining officer testified that he did not attach any sworn statement of facts to his complaint; that he did not obtain any sworn affidavits from any 3rd party witness & alleged victims and impliedly could not be held to the consequences of perjury based on his complaint, the officer goes on to testify that the complaint is based on his opinion which he swears based on past investigations, and further, that he does not specifically recall any person requesting that he have the petitioner arrested.

Grub vs. Ramirez 540 U.S. 551, 124 S.Ct. 1284, 157 L.Ed.2d 1068 (2004)  
 Supreme Court recently affirmed that every warrant must meet the requirement of the warrant clause, and be based upon probable cause supported by oath or affirmation, clearly this arrest warrant is not.

complaint not based on probable cause confers no jurisdiction on the magistrate to issue an arrest warrant and entitles such person so rested by warrant not supported by oath or affirmation to habeas corpus relief. U.S. ex rel King v. Geerkey (N.D.N.Y.) 32 F.2d 793 (1929);  
James vs. James 180 US 371, 21 S.Ct. 406, 45 L.Ed. 577 (1901).  
Parte Lane 6 Fed 34 (1881).

in the case of a trial conviction subsequent to insufficient or defective complaint & warrant, entitles the prisoner to discharge by writ of habeas corpus Whiteley vs. Warden of Wyo. Pen. 401 US 560, 1 Fed 2d 306, 91 S.Ct. 1031 (1971)

The government and District Court claim the Petitioner should be procedurally barred from raising this Federal Question hereafter, because he failed to raise it on direct appeal.

However, the Government and District Court both are wrong because petitioner did address the jurisdictional difficulty with 28 U.S.C. 1291 of raising this 4th Amendment claim in his direct appeal at his "jurisdiction" statement to the U.S. Court Appeals for the second circuit in his appeal brief explaining there, that [because] the District Court declared that the complaint & warrant #15-ny-651 was "not before the court in the lower proceeding" (USA vs. Barnes #16-CR 6029) and emphatically refused to make any judicial determination on the record as to the constitutionality of the Arrest warrant, therefore, there were no orders in the record relating to the warrant that were ripe for appellate review. Citing Abney vs. United States 431 U.S. 651

52 L. ed 651 (1977); D'ibella vs. United States 369 U.S. 12182 S.Ct 654 9 L. ed 2d 634 (1967) "The right to appeal in a criminal case is purely a creature of statute." Hence, Petitioner was jurisdictionally barred from raising the claim on direct appeal by the "Rule of Finality" proscription of 28 U.S.C. 1291,

and there are no orders in the record that would otherwise meet the requirements of the "collateral order Doctrine" exception. Cohen vs. Beneficial Loan Corp 337 U.S. 541, 69 S. Ct. 1221, 93 L. ed 1528 (1949) [If] the petitioner could have raised the claim of defective complaint & warrant on direct appeal, he would have raised it under

Gordanello vs. United States 357 U.S. 480, 2 L. ed 2d 1503, 78 S. Ct 1245 (1958) Thus, Petitioner did not raise this Federal Question on direct appeal because there was no appealable order, ergo, as a matter of law, he could not. Petitioner raised this claim by Habeas Corpus 28 USC 2241 Barnes vs. Salina #19-284

(8)

The warrant clause secures an individual's right against unreasonable seizure and search and it is declared to be indispensable to the citizens' full enjoyment of personal security, personal liberty and private property.

State decid<sup>s</sup> holds that notwithstanding trial conviction, an individual's constitutional liberty interest relates back to the time of his arrest and those rights cannot be extinguished by dragging or usurption, (Fed. R. C.V.P. 15(c))

A defective accusatory instrument implicates the entire lower proceedings rendering them null & void. See

Weeks vs. United States 216 F. 292 (1914) "There can be no conviction or punishment for a crime without formal

accusation. A court can acquire no jurisdiction to try a person for a criminal case unless he has been charged with the commission of the particular offense and charged in the particular form and mode required by law. If that is wanting, his trial and conviction is a nullity, for no person can be deprived of either life, liberty or property without due process of law.

The problem herein is that Petitioners' status before the court is not that of the individual citizen (but) something else. The fact that petitioner appears in the legislative U.S. Dist Ct. W.D.N.Y. as a party defendant necessarily

consequences that petitioner does not appear in the capacity of individual citizen but something "lacking" personal rights and civil liberties as those concerned in the Bill of Rights and these similarly incorporated into the Fourteenth Amendment.

However, petitioner is a state citizen by record of the case and appears herein. To see or otherwise in propria persona, for the purposes of collateral attacking the integrity of the lower proceedings and request that this Federal Question be transferred to the Supreme Court of the United States pursuant to Art. III, Sec. I, cl. 1.

II Petitioner has raised substantial showing of Denial of Constitutional Right with violation of Grand Jury clause claim

The Fifth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution provides: No person shall be held to answer for a capital or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury. This provision is applicable to the citizens of the states through the Due process clause of the Fourteenth Amendment. (e.g.

(Petitioner is an African-American or otherwise Negro, and therefore derives no personality nor privilege of citizenship from the 5th Amendment (e.g. Dred Scott vs. Sandford) thus he raises this Due Process claim under the 14th Amendment.) (e.g. Afroym vs. Rusk 387 U.S. 253, 181 F.2d 27757 (1968)

The indictment here referred to is the presentment to the proper court under oath, by a grand jury duly impaneled of a charge describing an offense against the laws for which the party may be charged. When this indictment is filed with the court no charges can be made in the body of the instrument by order of the court or by the prosecuting Attorney without re submission of the case to the Grand Jury.

Petitioner contends that such a change in the indictment without resubmission occurs herein.

After dismissing all 4 counts of the original indictment,

the Government returned a 7-count superseding indictment. At the arraignment the court advised the prosecuting attorney

that count 3 was duplicative because it spanned from September 2012 through May 2013 and the witness therein "C.B." went from

being a minor person to an adult in the same count up until that point in the prosecution, the witness "C.B." had always been

claimed to be an adult, thus the court advised that if the Assistant United States Attorney (A.U.S.A.) wanted to present "C.B." as a

minor in the case the count must be split in two (2), the (A.U.S.A.) concluded the arraignment by declaring there would be no

additional discovery in the case.

the (A.U.S.A.) thereafter split the counts in two-parts, and further manufacturing an additional count returned before the court with a 9-count second superseding indictment serving upon petitioner at arraignment.

Where, the dates and times of the related events in at 9 counts of the 2nd superder appeared on their face to be base upon witness's testimonies given before previous grand juries that were impaneled and convened in some counts "years" before this 2nd superseding grand jury was ever impaneled. And those grand juries that heard these testimonies voted not to indict the petitioner base on the testimonies, then it does not follow that this new grand jury would vote to indict on those testimonies unless the witnesses changed their stories. (11)

Furthermore, where the first two indictments were supported

by grand jury session minutes matching the dates the

indictments returned, and furthermore still, where the

original indictment was attested to by the original

signature of the grand jury foreman, the signature of the

(A.U.S.A) and attested by the stamp of the clerk of the court

and the 2nd superseding Instrument was not signed by

the foreman nor stamped by the clerk and bared the mere

type written name of the (A.U.S.A) petitioner asked "where

then is the grand jury minutes for this indictment?"

The indictment claims these persons are known to the grand jury

so, if the witnesses appeared and change their previous

testimonies it would entitle petitioner to discovery of the

testimonies for impeachment purposes. (e.g. Brady vs. Maryland

The prosecutor made the changes in the body of the indictment

at the advice of the court, the court did not order the (A.U.S.A) to

produce a copy of the grand jury session minutes for discovery

at the request of the petitioner and the (A.U.S.A) declares

the instrument lacks original signature and stamp because it

was filed electronically. The (A.U.S.A) does not claim to have

resubmitted the case to the grand jury when making the new

counts,

so, Petitioners question for the court is, without the signature

of the foreman attesting the act of the grand jury and stamp

attestation by the clerk of court (How) does the attorney for the

government evidence that this 2nd superseding was returned by

the grand jury or that the (A.U.S.A) did not just simply manu-

facture this instrument using a microsoft word program and

forward a copy of this modified version to the court elect-  
conically as so claimed by the prosecutor, without ever having  
presented the new changes and additional counts to the  
grand jury?

in respects to "Actual Innocence"

and superseding indictment claims 3 minor victims, and  
adults. Of the 3 minors, only (two) of them ever appeared  
before the grand jury, however, only (one) of them appeared  
before a grand jury investigating this case (USA vs. Barnes  
#16-CR-6029).

the minor witness "G.R." (Count 7) did not appear before the grand  
jury, whatsoever, however, the complaining officer's 302 summ-  
ary, records that "G.R." told investigators and (A.U.S.A.) that  
petitioner never caused her to engage in a commercial  
sex act, nor did she claim such before the petit jury at the  
trial. Therefore, petitioner is "actually innocent" of that count  
concerning "G.R." (Count 7)

The witness "C.B." of Counts 5 & 6 grand jury testimony in support  
of these counts is based in whole, on the witness's testimony given  
in an entirely different investigation altogether and in no place  
in the testimony does the witness name the petitioner.

"G.R." testified before the grand jury in the case of 15-CR-6058  
United States vs. Stephen Jones in 2014, some 4 years before  
the 2nd superseding indictment returned. Coincidentally the same  
prosecutor and complaining officer conducted this other investigation  
leading to the arrest and convictions of (two) separate individuals  
(unrelated) based on this one same grand jury testimony.



When C.B. appeared and gave this same narrative on

direct testimony at the trial of the petitioner, the

petitioner rose, on cross-examination asked "C.B."

didn't you already tell that same story to the grand

jury about the guys "Martin & Jones" ? "C.B." admitted

to this fact on the witness stand under oath. The

(A.U.S.A.), upon this revelation, interjected that the testimonial

evidence is admittedly "carried over" from the Stephen Jones

case dating back years prior. The (A.U.S.A.) did not impeach her

and court did not impeach the witness based on this fact of

perjured testimony.

Facebook records in discovery show that petitioner began a

dialogue with "C.B." in March 2013. When C.B. was 18 yrs of age.

(It must further be duly noted, that discovery shows that it

was "C.B." who posted an advertisement in the escort

section of " backpage.com " using her own personal E-mail

to promote minor person "AR" of Count-7 at a time when

petitioner was incarcerated, it was this ad that caused

"C.B." to meet and prompt her to begin cooperative "work

with the complaining officer F.B.I. T.F.O. Brian Tucker

and the (A.U.S.A.) who have now entrapped at least (4)

individuals based on this single grand-jury (1) testimony]

F.B.I. T.F.O. Tucker's 302 summary/records that "C.B." claims

to first begin escorting in 2013 at the age of 18 yrs old

"No one" is responsible for having trafficked "C.B." as a minor.

The witness "C.B." did not appear before the grand jury

investigating the matter of USA vs. Barnes # 16-1R-6029

Whatsoever, the (A.U.S.A.) has knowingly manufactured Count 5&6

of the 2nd Superceding Indictment. Petitioner is actually innocent "Thomson" (141)

Count 4 claims petitioner trafficked minor person J.O. in March 2012 and May 2013. Notwithstanding that, J.O. turned 18 yrs. in May 2013, at the trial a Homeland Security Investigator appeared and gave testimony about his investigation where J.O. was trafficked as a minor in March 2012.

His agents' investigation lead to the arrest and conviction of a local adult male, other than the petitioner. Upon cross-examination when petitioner rose asked did the name of the petitioner come up anywhere in his investigation? The U.S. Agent states "No, This Investigative Report was turned over to the defense as part of discovery, as to why the (A.U.S.A.) chose to charge petitioner with this event is incomprehensible outside of malice.

J.O. did not appear before the 2nd superseding grand jury but a previous jury, no reasonable grand juror would vote to indict the petitioner based on J.O.'s testimony because her testimony does not relate to the petitioner, his name does not appear in it. J.O.'s testimony before the grand jury is base solely upon her relationship with codefendant Christopher N. Johnson Jr. wherefore petitioner's hands are clean concerning the 3 minor persons in the indictment.

As for the remaining adults, of the three only (one) ever filed criminal complaint against petitioner (with local police) and appeared before a federal grand jury that actually voted to indict petitioner based on the testimony.

The witness C.S. of count 9 of the 2nd superseder was formerly "AV1" of count 4 of the original indictment, which was properly signed, attested to and supported by session minutes.

Petitioner pleads Full Faith and credit Art. IV section 1 based in count 9 (originally count 4). (As opposed to 28 U.S.C. 1738)

petitioner was previously convicted in New York County Court by jury trial of Assault in the 2nd degree in relation to "C.S." and the events of Count-9. C.S. Federal grand jury testimony gives the same narrative of the events of her state grand jury testimony in People vs. Andre Barnes \*2013-0596.

New York state has a transactional approach to claim preclusion and "non-party claim preclusion" (e.g. Taylor vs. Sturgell 553 US 880, 28 S.Ct 2161 171 LEd 2d 155. (If) the United States claims it appears not) as a general government (but) as a "Sovereign" a la "Dual Sovereignty".  
New Article IV, Sec 1 Full Faith credit clause, requires this and  
overseign must impeach the jurisdiction of the 1st sovereign (state).  
the prior proceedings to withstand the constitutional claim. In this  
use, the federal sovereign and/or government undoubtedly cannot  
claim original, exclusive jurisdiction impeaching the original  
jurisdiction over the events already adjudicated in state court. (NY, CTI  
0:20)

however this is a moot point because the prosecution dismissed Count 4  
the original indictment and manufactured the 2nd superseding  
indictment (including Count-9 without resubmission to the Grand Jury.  
on an indictment so changed, the court can proceed no farther, there  
is nothing (in the language of the constitution) which the prisoner can  
be held to answer "A trial on such indictment is void. There is nothing  
to try.

According to the principles long settled in this court (U.S. Supreme) the  
prisoner who stands sentenced to the penitentiary on such trial is  
entitled to his discharge by writ of habeas corpus. Ex Parte Bain  
21 U.S. 1, 30 L. Ed 849 (1887).

The Grand Jury clause is jurisdictional and no court of the United States has authority to try a prisoner without indictment or presentment in such cases.

The problem herein is that, the United States District Court for the Western District New York is not a "court of the United States."

It is firmly established that the United States District Courts are exempt from the constitutional requirement of an indictment

United States, ex rel. Toth vs. Quarles 350 United States 116, S.Ct.

100 L.Ed. 8 (1955); and it is further maintained that the legislative

United States District Courts do not afford any Bill of Rights

protection whatsoever including those rights incorporated in the

14th Amendment. Reid vs. Covert 354 United States, 116 (1957).

The question of whether this indictment has been returned by the

grand jury or is manufactured by the prosecutor is not answered

in the lower proceedings and has again been avoided here by the

Government and the District Court in its address to this motion

to vacate.

Wherefore, because the question of the validity of the indictment

arises under the constitution it then qualifies as a "Federal Question"

thus petitioner requests judicial inquiry by the Supreme Court

pursuant to Article III sec. 1.

### III Petitioner Has Raise Substantial Showing of Denial of Constitutional Right In Void Judgment Order Claim.

A void order is one entered by a court without having jurisdiction enter such an order. The order which results is necessarily a nullity which has no force, effect, or validity, and may be disregarded or collaterally attacked.

petitioner contends and asserts that the judgment order compelling him to federal prison in this case is void and unenforceable as a matter of law, his imprisonment there under violates his constitutional liberty and due process interest and petitioner is entitled to discharge from such imprisonment by writ of Habeas corpus. - Ex Parte Sibbold 100 US 371, 25 L. ed 717

19, 82 L. Ed. 1416 (1907); or in the alternative by writ of Mandamus Swann vs. United States 557 F. 2d 650 (9th Cir. 1977) (28 U.S.C. 1651)

### ARGUMENT

The Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 10 (a) requires: Every pleading must have a caption with the name of the court, case title, a file number, and a Rule 7 (c) signature.

The caption of the "Indictment" herein identifies the court as the "District court of the United States" for the Western District of New York.

The caption of the "Judgment in a Criminal Case" order describes the court where petitioner was tried and convicted in as the "United States District Court" for the Western District of New York. (18)

is made an Article III Court at 28 U.S.C. 1322)

The United States District Court for the District of Columbia however,

the "Legislative courts"

created by Congress under Article IV, Sec. 3, cl. 2, which collectively

Art. I), "The Military Courts" (Art. I), and "the Territorial Courts"

Bankruptcy Act (Art. I) 28 U.S.C. 2075), "The U.S. Court of Claims"

Article III. The United States Courts include the "Bankruptcy Courts"

created by Congress in the exertion of powers (other) than those proscribed

a term "United States District Courts" on the other hand, are the courts

Courts."

constitution and pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 451 which are "constitutional

Courts established by Congress in the States under Article III of the

judgment) without further qualification includes only those district

the term "district courts of the United States" (as captioned on the

describing the court, these term cannot be used interchangeably,

visions do not in terms describe the same courts and when

mplicitly and unambiguously advising us that these varying phrases and

Courts of the United States" and the "United States District Courts,"

the phraseology and varying provisions between the district

the Federal Rules of Evidence - Title XI advises us on the differences

der, void on its face for jurisdictional defect.

legal instruments makes the latter one, "Judgment" and commitment

phraseology describing the courts in the captions of these two

itioner contends and asserts that the differences in the

Under 18 U.S.C. 3231 the district courts of the United States shall have original jurisdiction, exclusive of the courts of the states, of all offenses against the United States.

The U.S. Dist. Ct. W.D.N.Y. is not a district court of the United States

within the meaning of the criminal jurisdiction statute 18 U.S.C. 3231.

The United States District Courts are generally not courts of criminal jurisdiction, the extent of criminal rules as they apply to the United States District Courts are limited to proceedings to punish for criminal contempt arising in its courts.

otherwise, the legislative courts created by Congress in the exertion of powers other than those proscribed in Article III cannot be deposited the judicial power conferred on the general government by the Constitution, the legislative courts are "incapable of receiving it," American Ins Co. vs. 356 Bales of Cotton 1 Pet. 511, 7 L. ed. 243, Fed. Cas. No. 302

The U.S. District, W.D.N.Y. is not created under Article III by the Judiciary Act but under the Bankruptcy Act and Art. I.

In Stern vs. Marshall 564 U.S. 462, 484, 131 S. Ct. 2594, 180 L. ed 2d 475, 494 (2011) the U.S. Supreme Court held that Congress could not transfer to the Bankruptcy courts any matter which from its nature,

is subject of a suit at the common law, or in equity, or in admiralty simply because a proceeding may have some bearing on bankruptcy case (e.g. 18 U.S.C. 1594 (c) "F. Forfeiture")

The Bankruptcy Act does not provide for criminal trials the legislative courts for offenses against the United States otherwise would offend the Bill of Attainder clause (Art. I, sec. 9, cl. 3)

\* A conviction and sentence for a criminal offense cannot be collaterally attacked in habeas corpus proceedings for error and irregularities not affecting the jurisdiction. But, if a person is restrained of his liberty under an order or judgment which is void for want of jurisdiction, habeas corpus will lie.

(Note: In applications for a writ of habeas corpus, if it appears that there has been a judgment of conviction, the only question to be considered is not whether the judgment was erroneous, but whether the court had jurisdiction to try the issue and to render judgment.

The question of whether the districts courts of the United States and the United States District Courts are the same courts (?) is not answered by the courts in the lower proceedings, thus petitioner requests this Federal question be judicially determined by the supreme court pursuant Art. III, sec 1.

Therefore, the United States District Court for the Western District of New York is not a court of criminal jurisdiction and may not enter judgment & commitment orders for trial convictions on indictments arising in the district court of the United States for the Western District of New York, hence judgment order is void for jurisdictional defect and petitioner is entitled to discharge by Habeas Corpus.  
 < Pate Siebold 100 US 371, 25 L. ed 717 >



Petitioner has Raised substantial of Denial of constitutional Right in lack of subject matter Jurisdiction claim.

The question of subject matter <sup>the court</sup> jurisdiction is not subject to waiver in every case <sup>v</sup> must have jurisdiction over the subject matter to enter judgment

The U.S. Supreme court has advised the district courts that

subject matter jurisdiction is a threshold question which once raised must be determined before proceeding to the merits.

Steel Co vs. Citizens for a Better Env't, 523 U.S. 83, 118.

S.Ct 1003 140 L.Ed. 2d 210 Advising, When the district court, proceeds to the merits (i.e. trial) before finding the basis

for subject matter jurisdiction, it then proceeds under "Hypothetical Jurisdiction" and necessarily in violation of

due process as this practice allows the lower courts to usurp

jurisdiction proceeding *ultra vires*, which only goes to frustrate

the process and multiply the proceeding because consequently the courts judgment likewise is hypothetical, and amounting to nothing

more than an advisory opinion however necessarily it is a nullity.

Petitioner claims the trial court was without subject matter

jurisdiction in the lower proceeding because (1) The criminal

events arise in the general territory of the state (2)

Petitioner and the alleged injured parties, (Victims) are all citizens and residents of same said state, and (3) The

Petitioner alleged criminal conduct does not arise under the

Act (s) of congress for which is imprisoned, nor any other Act of

congress.

With respects to his claim of lack of subject matter jurisdiction, petitioner expressly requests that his claims not be construed by the court into a challenge to the Dormant Commerce Clause as they have been by the courts in the lower proceedings, and in no way does petitioner challenge Congress's regulatory power over interstate and foreign commerce. In all the history of the federal courts since the 1st Judiciary Act (1789), there has never been a "jurisdictional statement" that read: "this court has jurisdiction pursuant to the commerce clause," and it never will...

The U.S. Supreme Court recently made clear in United States vs. Cotton 35 U.S. 625, 630, 152 L. Ed 2d 860, 122 S. Ct. 1781 (2002), the matter of jurisdiction has to do only with the court's statutory or constitutional power adjudicate the case "

The Supreme Court of the United States is the only court directly created by the constitution, (Art. III, sec. I) with the exception of the Supreme Court. Federal courts have no jurisdiction except as conferred by statute. Therefore, any party (including the TFO, and AVSA) asserting a claim in federal court must demonstrate a statutory jurisdictional basis.

subject-matter jurisdiction in every federal criminal prosecution stems from 18 U.S.C. 3231... That's the beginning and the end of the jurisdictional inquiry. Id (quoting Hughes vs. United States, 164 F. 3d 378, 580 7th Cir. 1999) So lets start there..

## Statutory Basis

18 U.S.C. 3231 provides The district courts of the United States shall have original jurisdiction, exclusive of the courts of the states, all offenses against the laws of the United States.

Nothing in this title shall be held to take away or impair the jurisdiction of the courts of the several states under the laws thereunder

It is settled that by the provision "Nothing in this title shall be held to

take away or impair the jurisdiction of the courts of the several states," that courts presume that the federal states do not abrogate, preempt, or impose obligations on the states or the citizen subjects thereof.

His presumption was just recently affirmed by the U.S. Supreme Court in Carol Anne Bond vs. United States, 134 S.Ct. 2077 189 L.Ed. 2d (2014) (On the

question of the balance between state and federal criminal jurisdiction)

has precedence holds that in the ordinary case, when a criminal event

arises in the general territory of a state, jurisdiction of the criminality

belongs to the state, and federal jurisdiction to exclude the exercise of

state jurisdiction cannot be invoked. This position is well fortified by the

following authorities: United States vs. Bevans, 3 Wheat 386 4 L.Ed. 404;

Leavenworth R. Co. vs. Lowe, 114 U.S. 525 5 Sup. Ct. 995. New Orleans vs. U.S.

at 662, 737 see also People vs. Kobryn 294 NY 192 61 N.E. 2d 441 (1945)

Title 18 of the United States Code proscribes the territorial jurisdiction

of the federal courts and unambiguously provides that this jurisdiction

arises "out of the jurisdiction of any state." (18 U.S.C. 7)

ence, "It is not the crime committed that makes it an offense

against the laws of the United States, but the place where it is committed."

People vs. Godfrey 17 Johns 225.

Thus, the federal courts in all criminal cases must find their basis for jurisdiction within the confines of 18 U.S.C. 3231 which prescribes criminal jurisdiction to the "districts courts of the United States" and there is nothing extra ordinary in this case that would allow Congress to circumvent the limitations placed on the federal courts (Art III) by transferring the case to a United States District Court pursuant to the commerce clause nor the Bankruptcy clause where there is no preemption declared, Congress may not abrogate the states' sovereign immunity under these Article I powers.

Petitioner reminds the court of the wisdom of the Sterns vs. Marshall court holding that Congress may not withdraw from the Article III courts any matter which, from its nature, is the subject of a suit at the common law, or in equity, or in admiralty, consequently even all cases of "Prize jurisdiction" which were formerly exclusive to the United States District Courts pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 8852, have been transferred to the Article III Courts under admiralty and Maritime jurisdiction (28 U.S.C. 1333.)

While petitioner would rather avoid a commerce clause discussion in the same area as subjects of jurisdiction so as to not be misconstrued it would appear to be unavoidable in this case because of the text of the particular criminal statute herein.

### Offense

federal criminal statute 18 U.S.C. 1591 (a) charges that whoever knowingly, in or affecting interstate or foreign commerce, or in the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States, ... (25)

petitioner contends most contrary to the government's position that the word "or" the statute does not provide an (option) for government to choose basis for jurisdiction, such as in the sense "either" interstate commerce or "the special maritime & territorial jurisdiction of the United States whereby, allowing the government transfer jurisdiction of the case to the United States District Court the basis of its commerce authority, but in this instance in the text, the word (or) means "otherwise" and the statute must find its jurisdictional basis under 18 U.S.C. 7 - (or) out of the jurisdiction of any state, which is consistent with 18 U.S.C. 3231 which gives criminal jurisdiction to the strict courts of the United States (Art. III courts)

withstanding that the theory of "protective jurisdiction" has long been rejected Textile Workers Union v. Lincoln Mills 353 US 448, 77 S.Ct 929, 1 L.Ed 2d 292 (1957) the statute 18 U.S.C. 1591 is not jurisdictional in itself and its commerce element grants no license for congress to transfer a case arising hereunder to a non-Article III court, based on its effect on interstate commerce.

his point is clarified in United States v. Martin, 147 F.3d 529 (7th Cir 1998) where it held, "A link to interstate commerce may be essential to congress's substantive authority U.S. v. Lopez (1995) but the existence of regulatory power differs from the subject-matter jurisdiction of the courts. The nexus with interstate commerce which courts frequently call the "jurisdictional element", is simply one of the essential elements of [the offense] Although courts frequently call it a jurisdictional element of the statute, it is jurisdictional only in the short-

and sense that without that nexus there could be no federal crime. It is not jurisdictional in the sense that it affects a courts subject-matter jurisdiction, i.e., a courts constitutional or statutory power to adjudicate a case, here authorized by 18 U.S.C. 3231, "

consistent with the courts findings in Martin 147 F.3d 529 supra, the limitations of this particular statute which has been made part of congress's regulatory scheme under the Trafficking Victims Protection Act" was addressed in Mojislovic v. Bd of Regents for the Univ. of Okla., 841 F.3d 1129 (10th Cir 2016)

where the court held that the (TVRA) was not enacted under the 13th Amendment, it was enacted under congress's clause powers, in article I, sec. 8, cl. 3, 8 U.S.C. 1591 (a) proscribes sex trafficking in or affecting interstate or foreign commerce. The predecessor statute of the TVRA was enacted under congress's commerce clause powers. That source of congressional authority is significant because congress may not abrogate states' sovereign immunity pursuant to its Article I power over commerce. "The 11th Amendment restricts the judicial power under Article III, and Article I cannot be used to circumvent the constitutional limitations placed upon federal jurisdiction. Thus even if congress had intended to abrogate sovereign immunity in the TVRA, it had no authority to do so under the commerce clause."

In Printz v. United States (1997 U.S. 138 L.Ed 914 177 S.Ct 2365) it was held that the residuary and inviolable sovereignty retained by the states is reflected through text of federal constitution, including privileges and immunities clause in Art. IV § 2 which clause speaks of protecting the citizens of the states. (14th Amend.)

In United States v. Hollingsworth 785 F.3d 556 (2015) the court advised, that a simpler question be asked before assuming federal jurisdiction, whether or not the criminal event arose in a geographic area where "no state's operates as sovereign?" It is beyond doubt that the state of New York operates as sovereign

ver its own general territory, see New York v. United States 505 U.S. 144, 159 at 188 (1992) "[S]tates are not mere political subdivisions of the United States," see also People v. Kobryn 294 NY 192 61 NE 2d 41 (1945)

notwithstanding the fact that petitioner's conduct herein, if deemed (not) to that of "trafficking" under the state's law, however, the territorial jurisdiction limitations of the statute 18 U.S.C. 1591 (a) is again outlined in the United States code at 18 U.S.C. 2426 (Repeat Offenders) 18 U.S.C. 2426 (b) In this section -

1) the term "prior sex offense conviction" means a conviction for an offense - (A) under this chapter, chapter 109A, chapter 110 or section 1591 (18 U.S.C. 2421 et seq., 2241 et seq., 2251 et seq. or 1591).

(B) Under state law for an offense consisting of conduct that would have been an offense under a chapter referred to in subpara graph (A) if the conduct had occurred within the special maritime of the United States.

Wherefore, the statute 1591 (a) is subject to the Judiciary power of Article III and criminal jurisdiction statute 18 U.S.C. 3231 which must be committed outside the jurisdiction of any state at 18 U.S.C. 7-

See also U.S. v. Jackalow 66 U.S. 484 17 L. Ed 225 (1862) "There

is a proviso which declares that nothing in the section shall be construed to deprive any particular state of its jurisdiction over the offense, when committed within the body of a county, or authorize the courts of the united states to try such offenders after conviction or acquittance for the same offense in a state court."

In many of the states prescribing offenses against the laws of the united states, there is an express limitation excluding offenses committed within the jurisdiction of a state. The Acts of April 30, 1790 ch. 9 (1 Stat. 114), and March 3 1825, ch 65 (4 Stat. 115) are of this description.

"Under these statutes the question presented in this case could not arise as the offense could not be committed within the limits of the state."

And such is the same in this case under the TVPRA of 2003.

Question: where the district courts of the united states have original jurisdiction over offenses against the laws of the united states under

18 U.S.C. 3231.

What then is the statutory basis of the united states District courts jurisdiction in criminal cases?

However, in respect to the constitutional limitations placed upon the courts in regards to this particular Act of Congress.



### Constitutional Basis

The Non detention Act 18 U.S.C. 4001 provides:

(a) No citizen shall be imprisoned or otherwise detained by the United States except pursuant to an Act of Congress.

This Act governs the control and management of Federal penal and correctional institutions.

Petitioner is detained and imprisoned in the United States Penitentiary for violating the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, proscribed in the United States Code at Title 22 (Foreign Relations & Intercourse) (Chp. 78, (18 U.S.C. 1591))

By its purposes and findings - 22 U.S.C. 7107, The Trafficking Victims Protection Act criminalizes and aims to prevent the transnational crime of Human Trafficking slavery and slave-like practices. The Act arises under international law (not domestic where it is enacted under the "Foreign Commerce" clause, 22 U.S.C. 7101 (b) (23) (24) see United States v. Baston 838 F.3d 651 (2016 CA 11 Fla)

Petitioner asserts and contends that, because his criminal conduct arises in the general territory of New York (W.D.N.Y.) where he is a citizen and resident, and that the persons injured by his criminality are also citizens and residents of New York his criminal conduct then cannot arise under the TVPA of 2000 as a matter of law and he is entitled to discharge by habeas corpus pursuant to the Non detention Act of 1971 see Padilla v. Rumsfeld 352 F.3d 695 (2003)

Handl v. Rumsfeld U.S. 507 (2004) 18 U.S.C. 4001 (a), (30)

resort to its purposes and findings, the Trafficking Victims Protection Act does not preempt or supplant state law in proscribing, and policing local prostitution, nor international sex trafficking

21 U.S.C. 230, 10 et seq; 230-34)

22 U.S.C. 7102 History; Promoting effective state enforcement. Relationship among Federal and state law,

thing in this Act, The Trafficking Protection Act of 2000,

the Trafficking Victims Reauthorization Act of 2003 and 2005

1) may be construed to treat prostitution as a valid form

employment under Federal law; or

2) shall preempt, supplant or limit the effect of any state or

Federal criminal law,

b) Model state criminal provisions, In addition to any model

state anti-trafficking statutes in effect on the date of the

enactment of this Act, the Attorney General shall facilitate

the promulgation of a model state statute that -

1) furthers a comprehensive approach to investigation and

prosecution through modernization of state and local

prostitution and pandering statutes.

Notwithstanding the fact that there are statutes and sections of the TVPA that particularly proscribe the Act to be aimed at Foreign Persons who play a significant role in sex trafficking" e.g. see 22 U.S.C. 7108, and is enforced by the President pursuant to the provisions of the "International Emergency Economic Powers Act" 50 U.S.C. 1701 (1702) and though petitioner is (not) an "International Person" (i.e. see Kobel v. Royal Dutch Petro. Co., T 621 F.3d 111 (2009)), there is however, special provision within the TVPA that clearly establishes that criminal violations of the Act [must] be prosecuted in the Article III courts and is subject to the jurisdiction thereunder and whereby making petitioner immune by privilege of his citizenship. (14th Amendment)

This generally "only occurs when the perpetrator is a foreign or otherwise stateless person who has taken up habitual residence in the united states and is "terrorizing" the citizen population. e.g. see Bastion v. United States 137 S.Ct. 850 (March 2017) otherwise the TVPA only arises "out of the jurisdiction of any state,"

It is only in the extraordinary circumstance when the government invokes extraterritorial jurisdiction under 18 U.S.C. 1596 that the TVPA arises in the general territory of a state, 18 U.S.C. 1596 (a)(2) gives an extraterritorial effect to 18 U.S.C. 1591,

see also section (d) In any case in which the Attorney General of a state has reason to believe that an interest of the residents of that state has been or is threatened or adversely affected by any person who violates section 1591 [18 USC § 1591], the attorney general of the state, as parens patriae, may bring a civil action against such person on behalf of the residents of the state in an appropriate district court of the United States to obtain appropriate relief.

(a) An individual who is a victim of a violation of this chapter [18 U.S.C. 1582 et. seq.] may bring civil action against the perpetrator in an appropriate district court of the United States and may recover damages and reasonable attorney fees.

18 U.S.C. 1595 Civil Remedy provides:

The TVPA's civil remedy provides that a victim may recover damages and reasonable attorney fees in a civil action against the perpetrator under 18 U.S.C. 1595.

2003. See Dittullo v. Boehm, 662 F.3d 1091 (2011)

Act at 18 U.S.C. 1595, section 1595 became effective on December 19 victims of trafficking under the Trafficking Victims Protection Act Congress created a private right of civil action for

Ergo, because the Trafficking Victims Protection Act is not

nacted under the 13th Amendment but under the commerce

clause, a victims civil complaint thereunder (1595) may not claim

federal Question 28 U.S.C. 1331 as the jurisdictional basis

for the civil action see e.g. United States v. Morrison 529 U.S. 598, 618, 120 S.Ct.

740, 146 L.Ed. 2d 658 (2000) also Nattah v. Bush 541 F. Supp 223 (2008)

herefore, the claim could only then arise under the diversity

jurisdiction provision of Article III, sec. 2, cl 1 at 28 U.S.C. 1332,

herefore, the citizenship of the parties material to the courts

subject matter jurisdiction under the TTPA (commerce is not)

Jodgson v. Bowerbank 9 U.S. (5 Cranch) 303, 303 3 L.Ed 108 (1809)

Lossman v. Higginson 4 U.S. (4 Dall.) 12, 14 L.Ed 720 4 Dall 12 (1800)

while in a case like United States v. Baston 818 F.3d 651 supra

where the perpetrator Baston was an illegal reentry non resident

alien, he was thus subject to general federal jurisdiction in the

district wherever he was apprehended, in which case was in the

state of Florida, a Florida person or any other state citizen

could have complete diversity from Baston and thus both the criminal

suit and consequent civil suit resulting from the conviction

could be maintained in the district courts by the provisions

of Article III.

Contrarily however, in the case of the Petitioner herein, it cannot,

(see Contravasis, Art. III sec 2, cl. 1)

21 U.S.C. 1332

The States' Attorney General suit would also fail for lack of diversity

case.

Hence, where there can be no controversy herein, there can be no

be bifurcated which it is not.

suit (1591) must likewise fail for the same reason less the Act

must fail for lack of subject matter jurisdiction, then the criminal

Thus, it is elementary, that if the civil action under the TVRA (1595)

would have no remedy, otherwise.

Subject matter jurisdiction under Article III and 28 U.S.C. 1332 and they

the TVRA civil remedy feature (1595), their suits would fail for lack of

tioner based on this conviction, as it is provided to them under

Ergo, if the victims herein where to bring claim against the peti-

ried in the state court.

courts of the state, there is no diversity, thus the civil action must be

Fed. R. Civ. P. 4 (K) (2) but, subject to the general jurisdiction of the

Therefore, petitioner is not subject to "general federal jurisdiction"

New York.

of the (3) injured persons show that they were all born in the state

itioner is citizen of the state on the record. The Birth certificates

and resident of the state of New York, the court has also stated that

ower proceedings. Petitioner testified under oath that he was a citizen

x injured persons were entered into the record of the case at trial in the

ne Birth Certificate of the Petitioner and at least <sup>Birth certificates of</sup> and at least (3) of the

The basis for subject matter jurisdiction has not been established in the record in the lower proceeding and the lower courts are incapable of receiving an original petition for writ of habeas corpus to discharge the petitioner. Thus, where the lower courts have emphatically refused to declare the basis for their own jurisdiction or admit lack thereof and dismiss the case, petitioner request the Question be transferred to the supreme court for constitutional testing and issuance of the necessary writ pursuant 28 U.S.C. 1651 in aid of appellate jurisdiction or by writ of certiorari pending judgment by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 2nd Circuit. 28 U.S.C. 7101(c) Sup. Ct. R. 11.

28 U.S.C. 2241. 28 U.S.C. 1651. habeas corpus pursuant the Non Detention Act of 1971. 18 U.S.C. 4003(g) entitled to discharge from his imprisonment here to by writ of the United States based on the conduct herein and petitioner is Petitioner is not subject to criminal prosecution in the courts of Act of 2000, it is a legal impossibility. true, by any means whether it be by force, fraud, coercion or mere local citizens of the state where he was born and resides, if In conclusion, petitioner's criminal conduct of victimizing other solicitation cannot arise under the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, it is a legal impossibility.

V. Petitioners showing is not only substantial, it is sufficient to merit further review by this court

### LAW - OF - THE - CASE - DOCTRINE

Effect of Prior Appellate Judgment

The law of the case doctrine "ordinarily" forecloses re-litigation of issues expressly or impliedly decided by the

appellate court. United States v. Quintero, 1217, 1229 (2nd Cir 2007)

herein, the Government's Attorney and District Court both decidedly have foregone any attempt to put Petitioner's claim in dispute by vitiating material facts or by referring to places in the record that would go to contradict the claim but both rely solely upon the earlier judgment of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 2nd Circuit in 1927 United States v. Johnson, 852 F. Appx 559 (2021) which affirmed the District Courts conviction as a means of claiming the matter has already been decided "such as in the way of issue preclusion.

Notwithstanding that the Government and District Court both admit that Petitioner's claims hereto were not directly addressed in the Appellate order in question, and is merely "assumed" by them that the court of Appeals considered the merits of Petitioner's claims when rendering judgment; the governments and District courts faith and reliance on the preclusive

Effect of this Appellate Judgment is however, grossly misplaced because (1) The judgment contradicts the Appellate courts earlier order in related case Barnes v. Salina # 19-284 and most importantly (2) The Court of Appeals judgment affirming the District courts conviction is void.



Every federal appellate court has a special obligation to satisfy

itself not only of its own jurisdiction, but also that of the lower

courts in a cause under review, even though the parties are

prepared to concede the issue. Steel Co. v. Citizens for a Better

Environment 523 U.S. 83, 140 L.Ed.2d 210 (1998) (Petitioner does

not concede).

28 USC 1291 provides: The Courts of Appeals shall have jurisdiction of

appeals of all final decisions of the district courts of the United

States, the United States District Court for the District of the

Canal Zone, the District Court of Guam, the District Court of the

Virgin Islands except where a direct review may be in the Supreme

Court.

The very first sentence of the Appellate order declares, "This is

a direct appeal from the Judgment of the United States District

Court" for the Western District of New York "thus, rendering the

Judgment Void on its face.

The Appellate Court thereafter, goes on to give its advisory opinion

"as if" it were indeed presiding over an appeal from the Judgment

of a criminal "trial by a legislative Court" (see Bill of Attainder)

and noticeably avoiding to address any of the constitutional claims

or otherwise federal Questions raised therein, even applying a

statutory approach to the question of Venue as opposed to a

constitutional testing.

The Appellate Judgment never states the statutory basis for the

lower courts' jurisdiction on the basis for its own jurisdiction and

construes petitioners' defensive claim into a challenge to the

Commerce Clause, though the Court does not go on to claim that

it has jurisdiction based on the Commerce Clause, only that Petitioners conduct affected Commerce. (See Appendix X - Appellate Judgment #19-271 CR.)

The Courts of Appeals do not have jurisdiction over appeals from the final decisions of the legislative courts created by Congress under Article I, Northern Pipeline Construction Co. v. Marathon Pipeline Co., 488 U.S. 50, 66 102 S.Ct. 2858, 73 L.Ed. 2d 598 (1982)

28 U.S.C. 1294 does not provide the courts of Appeals for the 2nd circuit with jurisdiction of appeals from final decisions of the United States District Court for the Western District of New York

(2) The Appellate order affirming trial conviction, contradicts the previous order of the Court of Appeals in related case,

Petitioner filed Petition(s) for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2241 (a) based on the same issues claim herein. The U.S. D. Ct. W.D.N.Y. received the petition(s) construing the final one into a motion to vacate under 28 U.S.C. 2255, and thereafter denying the petition for (sic) failure to make a constitutional showing. (see Barnes v. U.S. Marshal CF Salina #19-CV-6015-Appendix The 2nd Circuits Court of Appeals issued a Mandate in support of the District Court's denial of the writ, dismissing Petitioner's appeal thereto for failure to request a certificate of appealability, see Barnes v. Salina #19-284 (Appx. ) Petitioner Moved the court to Recall the Mandate on the grounds of Fraud upon the court" e.g. see Patterson v. Haskins 470 F.3d 645 661 (2003). Asserting that the United States District Court W.D.N.Y. could not receive a petition for habeas corpus applied for under 28 U.S.C. 2241 (a) to construe it into a motion (2255) because it

was not a "district court of the United States" within the meaning of the statute 2241 (a) and requesting the court of Appeals take jurisdiction of the petition pursuant 28 U.S.C. 1651 (a) in aid of appellate jurisdiction, i.e. see Ojeda Rios v. Wigen 883 F.2d 196, 200 n.3 (CA2 1998)

The court of Appeal concurred with Petitioner overruled the District courts order denying the writ and reinstated the petition for habeas corpus before the court of Appeals as an original proceeding pursuant the All writs Act 28 U.S.C. 1651 (a), 28 U.S.C. 2241 (a) (Exhibit 5)

Wherefore, because the court of Appeal agrees that the U.S. Dist. Ct. W.D.N.Y. is not a district court of the United States within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. 2241 (a) it then cannot enter a order that would support the position that the U.S. Dist. Ct. W.D.N.Y. is a district court of the United States within the meaning of the criminal jurisdiction statute 18 U.S.C. 2241 (a) it then cannot thereafter enter a order that would support the position that the U.S. Dist. Ct. W.D.N.Y. is a district court of the United States within the meaning of the criminal jurisdiction statute 18 U.S.C. 2241 (a) able to hold trials and enter criminal judgment and commitments for violation of the laws of the United States. (28 U.S.C. 451)

Thus, the two Appellate order are conflicting, and where the order in Barnes v. Salina # 19-284 in favor of the Petitioner comes before the other in USA v. Johnson # 19-271 or the LAW-OF- The- case-Doctrine would be in favor of the Petitioner. United States v. Quinteri 1217 1228 supra. Ergo, "the matter has already been decided" (40)

Without jurisdiction, a court cannot proceed at all in any cause jurisdiction is power to declare law, when jurisdiction ceases exist, the only function remaining to the court is that of announcing the fact and dismissing the case; Steel Co. v. Citizens for a Better Env't, 523 U.S. 83, 118 S.Ct. 1003 supra.

the integrity of the courts in the lower proceedings appear to be compromised by absolute usurped power and they have proven to be incapable of determining the basis of their own jurisdiction or admitting the lack thereof and vacating judgment on those grounds; therefore, because related case Barnes v. U.S. Marshal

F. Salina U.S.C. - A2 # 19-284 is pending certiorari before the Supreme Court based on these same issues (i.e. lack of subject matter jurisdiction by the 3-Judge Panel to receive a petition for habeas corpus

28 U.S.C. 2241 (a); 1651 (a) see Rios v. Wigen, 683 F.2d 136 supra) Petitioner request these actions be enjoined and transferred to the Supreme Court by certiorari pending Appellate Judgment pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1254, 28 U.S.C. 2101 (e) to ensure constitutional testing of the Federal Questions raised herein and most importantly competent jurisdiction to decide the claims. Steel Co. v. Citizens, 118 S.Ct. 1003 supra.

VI Petitioner has satisfied All Procedural Prerequisites for Action by This Court, As shown in the Supporting Affidavit of Andre Barnes Petitioner has satisfied all of the procedural prerequisites to action by this court for a certificate of Appealability.

1. The Petitioner has filed a timely notice of appeal.

2. The Petitioner promptly applied for a certificate from the District court prior to applying for a certificate from this court.

3. The Petitioner has made more than a good faith effort to conform this Application to all of the requirements set out in Appellate Rule 22 and 2nd Circuit Rule 24.1

4. The Petitioner has served all parties to the action with a copy of this application and supporting papers, as is shown in the attached certificate of service.

The Petitioner has also supplied this court with the complete record of the district court's action on the district court application and will supply this court with any additional materials or argument that it deems necessary for a prompt resolution of this Application.

### CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated above, Petitioner and Appellant Andre Barnes [name of petitioner]

respectfully requests that this court issue the requested certificate of Appealability on all of the issues set forth in this Application.

Dated: ~~October 17~~ <sup>11</sup> 2022

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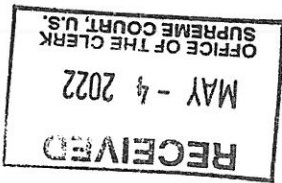
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*BARAKES V. United States of America*



Docket Number(s): *22-658*

Motion for: *Appendix of Appellant's Petition*  
*Andre Barakes on Request for a Certificate of Appealability*

Set forth below precise, complete statement of relief sought:  
*Seek to be granted a certificate of Appealability so that I may appeal to this court a denial of a motion to vacate conviction by the District Court in any order as U.S.C. 2255*

MOVING PARTY: *Andre Barakes Pro Se*  
OPPOSING PARTY: *United States of America*

Plaintiff  Defendant

Appellant/Petitioner  Appellee/Respondent

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Court- Judge/ Agency appealed from: *U.S. Dist. Ct. W.D.N.Y. Hon. David G. Carimer*

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Has movant notified opposing counsel (required by Local Rule 27.1):  
 Yes  No (explain):

Opposing counsel's position on motion:  
 Opposed  Unopposed  Don't Know

Does opposing counsel intend to file a response:  
 No  Yes  Don't Know

Oral argument on motion requested?  Yes  No (requests for oral argument will not necessarily be granted)

Has argument date of appeal been set?  Yes  No If yes, enter date:

Signature of Moving Attorney:

*Andre Barakes*

Date: *4/21/2022*  
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