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SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ledra Craig — PETITIONER
(Your Name)

vs.

United States of America et al — RESPONDENT(S)

ON PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO

United States Court of Appeals 8th Circuit, Eastern District of Missouri
(NAME OF COURT THAT LAST RULED ON MERITS OF YOUR CASE)

PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI

Current Address - # 50161-044 FCI Manchester, Federal Correctional Institution
Ledra Craig P.O. Box 4000, Manchester Kentucky 40962.
(Your Name)

Home Address. 10236 castle Point Drive
(Address)

St. Louis Missouri 63136
(City, State, Zip Code)

N/A
(Phone Number)

QUESTION(S) PRESENTED

1. Can a Defendants Conviction be Sustained and impermissibly predicated on a defendants Uncorroborated statements to Interrogation officers.
2. Does there Need To be an agreement on a Necessary link between a defendant and A alleged Co-Conspirator that has Never been indicted or identified and didn't appear at trial to give testimony that a Conspiracy existed with defendant.
3. Can a Defendant Conviction Rest upon Text Messages Found in Defendants cell phone With No proof of the Author of Messages who Sent or Received the Messages.
4. Can a Defendants Rights to Face his accuser be Violated by Not Having the Opportunity To question his alleged Co-Conspirator in Trial.
5. Can a Defendants 6th Amendment of the United states Constitution be Violated By Defendants Trial attorney Not being Able to Cross Examine Witnesses At trial And not Having the opportunity to Cross Examine Witnesses At No time prior to Trial Due to having No information on the Existence of Such a person who is alleged to be Defendants Co-Conspirator, which May Have Made it Very Difficult to provide defendant with effective assistance in trial.
6. Is A Defendants 5th Amendment Violated by Arresting Defendant, and Ordering the Jail Booking officers to Restrict His phone Calls For 3 days and Not allowing him to call a Attorney before being interrogated.
7. IF ^{Is Defendant Right to Counsel Violated} interrogation Officers admitt in Defendants suppression Hearing that They instructed the jail to Restrict all outgoing Calls so that Defendant is Hindered From asserting his Right to Counsel after Arrest, A Violation of Defendants Right to have Counsel present before interrogation.
8. Does Exclusion of the testimony about the Circumstances of a Defendants False Confession Deprive Me of My Fundamental Constitutional Right- whether Under the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment or Under the Compulsory Process of the Confrontation Clause of the Sixth amendment. To A Fair opportunity to Present a Defense.

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:

RELATED CASES

1. United States v. Mayfield, 909 F.3d 956 (8th Circuit, 2018)

United States of America v. Terry Wayne Stephens
United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
482 F.3d 669, 2007

NO. 05-4668 . Decided April 3, 2007

2. United States v. Gore, 154 F.3d 34, 40 (2nd Circuit 1998)

3. United States v. Antonino Cedillo Aguilar

United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit
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NO-03-3892

3. United States Supreme Court

Missouri v. Seibert, 159 L. Ed 2d 643, 124 S. Ct. 2601 (2004)

4. Miranda v. Arizona, 384 U.S. 436, 16 L. Ed 2d 694, 86 S. Ct. 1602 (1966)

5. Crawford v. Washington, 541 U.S. 36, 50-52, 124 S. Ct 1354, 158 L. Ed 2d 177.

6. Crane v. Kentucky
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7. California v. Trombetta, 467 U.S. 479, 459, 81 L. Ed 2d 413, 104 S. Ct. 2528 (1984)

8. Miller v. Fenton, 474 U.S. 104, 109, 88 L. Ed 2d 405, 106 S. Ct. 445 (1985)

9. United States v. Martin, 369 F.3d 1046 (8th Circuit 2004)

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OTHER

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PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI

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 N/A to the petition and is

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

[] For cases 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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JURISDICTION

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

The date on which the United States Court of Appeals decided my case was March 1st 2024.

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: _____, 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. § 1254(1).

[] For cases from **state courts**:

The date on which the highest state court decided my case was _____. A copy of that decision appears at Appendix _____.

[] A timely petition for rehearing was thereafter denied on the following date: _____, 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

1. Violation of 14th Amendment to the United states Constitution
2. Violation of 6th Amendment to the United states Constitution
3. Violation of 5th Amendment to the United states Constitution

STATEMENT OF THE CASE

1. The District Court Erred And Abused its discretion by Permitting the Government to admit The Hearsay statement and text Messages From giENN", A unknown and unidentified and Un-indicted alleged Co-Conspirator because the government Failed to establish the Existance of a Conspiracy by a preponderance of the evidence prior to the admission of the Messages. In Violation of Defendants Due process of the Fourteenth amendment, and In Violation of his Constitutional Rights Under the Fifth amendment and Confrontation Clause To be Allowed To Face his accuser.
2. The Trial Court Erred And Abused its discretion by Allowing the government to Exclude the police Misconduct that accured During getting a False Confession From Defendant During Four interrogations From Defendant in Violation of his Fifth Amendment Right to have Counsel present before interrogation. And by Excluding the Circumstances Around the taking of Defendants statements.

REASONS FOR GRANTING THE PETITION

1. Defendant Respectfully ask The Supreme Court of the United States To grant this Petition For Certiorari because defendants right to Confrontation was violated when the Court admitted the hearsay of a alleged Co-Conspirator which the government only identified From a Name Found on Defendants phone.
Defendant Never Confirmed the Name glenn on his phone is A person he Conspired With. Defendant gave a False Confession in Fear of being Killed by Detectives, And defendant Never told the interrogating officers that the Name glenn on his phone was a Co-Conspirator. the government Never Found out if glenn was a Man or a Woman, or the age or anything Else that would identify glenn as being a Human being.
The Interrogating officer Took it upon themselves to look inside the phone, and Chose to say since the Name of a person Name glenn was in My phone, that I Conspired with that Name in My phone.
The Author of the Messages Found to have been Sent and Received have yet to be Identified and was not identified in My trial.
The Admission of the Communications with glenn Violated Defendants Right To Confrontation, Effective assistance of Counsel, and due process as guaranteed by The 5th, 6th, and 14th amendments to the united states Constitution.
2. Defendant Respectfully ask The Supreme Court of the United States To grant this Petition For Certiorari because The oral statements Taken From Defendant Should Have been Excluded at trial. Defendant Was interviewed for times by Detectives The Evening of August 2, 2020. the Detectives obtained Defendants statement Through Coercion, Violating his Right to remain silent, and Violating his Right To have Counsel present before interrogation.
The interrogating Officer gave testimony under oath at Defendants Motion to Suppress Hearing, And Admitted that he instructed the booking officers to Restrict Defendant From being able to not use the phone Not only until After the booking Process, but For the entire 3 days of being held incommunicado During interrogation - All Defendants statements Were admitted in trial, And Were compelled by the Police in Violation of Defendants Right against Self incrimination as guaranteed by The 5th and 6th amendments to the United States Constitution.
The Exclusion of all the Circumstances Surrounding the taking of Defendants statements Was A Erra that prejudice defendant
Defendant Respectfully Ask that A writ of Certiorari be granted.
And Defendant Respectfully ask that His ~~J~~ Judgement And Sentence be Vacated, And defendant be granted a New Trial.

CONCLUSION

The petition for a writ of certiorari should be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

Leah Craig

Date: 5-21-24