APP	NO.	
-----	-----	--

#### IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

RYAN THORNTON,

Petitioner,

V.

STATE OF WISCONSIN,

Respondent.

On Application for an Extension of Time to File Petition for a Writ of Certiorari to the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

# PETITIONER'S APPLICATION TO EXTEND TIME TO FILE PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI

Ryan T. Thornton, ACAS (casact.org) 4014 19th St Racine, WI 53405 ryan0410@gmail.com P: 262.939.4405

Pro Se Petitioner

SEP 2 9 2023

To the **Honorable Annette Ziegler**, as Chief Justice for the Wisconsin Supreme Court OR any United States Justice able to grant this relief:

Pursuant to this Court's Rules 13.5, 22, 30.2, and 30.3, Petitioner RYAN THORNTON respectfully requests that the time to file his Petition for Writ of Certiorari in this matter be extended for 60 days up to and including **January 15**, **2024**. The Wisconsin Supreme Court denied RYAN THORNTON's Petition For Review (App3-25) on **August 17**, **2023** (App109). Absent an extension of time, the Petition for Writ of Certiorari would be due on November 15, 2023. The Petitioner is filing this Application more than ten days before that date. See S. Ct. R. 13.5. This Court would have jurisdiction over the judgment under 28 U.S.C. 1254(1).

#### **Table of Contents**

Response to Clerk's 9/20/2023 Memo and More Information that Led to the WI
Supreme Court 8/17/2023 Order2-4
Background (The Incident 2/7/2018)5-6
Background (Brief Summary of After The Incident)6-8
Background (Brief Summary of Current Wisconsin Court Proceedings)8
Reasons For Granting An Extension Of Time8-10
Conclusion10
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE11

Response To Clerk's 9/20/2023 Memo (App196) and More Information That Led to the
WI Supreme Court 8/17/2023 Order (App109)

First of all, thank you for responding and I will be inquiring about how to file my Certiorari Page 2

Appendix. Sorry to be a burden, but (apparently) I do need a Federal Judge to sign this 60 day extension given that Wisconsin Courts (most definitely) intend for this 8/17/2023 Order to be a Final Order.

\*\*\*RYAN THORNTON intends to be (crystal) clear that he is seeking an extension of time in reference to the order dated August 17, 2023 by the Wisconsin Supreme Court in case No. 2023AP000769-CR (App109).\*\*\*

The reality is that Issue #7 (Ineffective Assistance of Council) of his 5/12/2023 Petition For Review (App3-25) was denied in this August 17, 2023 Wisconsin Supreme Court Order. The State denying Issue #7 seems to be the State's only justification for denying his 5/12/2023 [Petition For Review] on August 17, 2023 (App109) and also rejecting to review his 7/22/2023 [Brief of Appellant] (App164-195).

After years of false promises, lies, and excuses (App115-146), on 1/9/2023 Attorney Singleton first communicated he cannot file the Appeal of this 19CF397 Conviction and refunded RYAN THORNTON's \$6000 retainer (App130), which he was paid in full by 2/6/2020 (App197-204) to Commence the Appellate filing process immediately.

Apparently, the deadline to re-file the Notice of Appeal [that RYAN THORNTON filed from jail, pro-se on 12/9/2019 (App205) and Attorney Singleton had Voluntarily Dismissed on 12/26/2019 (App206-213) solely because Singleton communicated that he wanted more time to file this Appeal] was 2/13/2020 [20 days (per 809.30) from the 1/24/2020 Revised-JOC(App214-216)]. Attorney Singleton failed to re-file this Notice of Appeal by 2/13/2020 and failed to do essentially everything that he communicated to RYAN THORNTON he would be doing regarding this Appeal, after getting paid on 2/6/2020. It should also be noted that Attorney Singleton reviewed the 9/6/2019 Transcript on 12/11/2019 (App200-202) and it was 100% clear that there

was at least one issue [PFR&BriefOfAppellant Issue #1] that had very strong merit for appeal, but instead he has RYAN THORNTON's 12/9/2019 Pro Se NOA (App205) Voluntarily Dismissed on 12/26/2019 (App206-213)!

Initially assuming there is at least a minimum level of Professionalism required here in Wisconsin, RYAN THORNTON assumed that Attorney Singleton would file a Statement to explain why Singleton failed to file this Appeal, despite clearly communicating to RYAN THORNTON (from 12/11/2019 to 1/9/2023 See App123-128) that he would be. The state of WI apparently encourages fraudulent attorney representation situations that cause Appellants to be scammed out of their Appellate rights, because this is exactly what Attorney Singleton did.

Not knowing what to do about this situation that Attorney Singleton put him in, on 3/24/2023, RYAN THORNTON filed [Motion For Abeyance On Filing Appeals] (App217-218) and received 3/24/2023 Appeals Order (App219).

On 4/6/2023, RYAN THORNTON filed [Motion For Reconsideration] (App220-230) after meeting with Attorney Singleton on 3/31/2023 and being handed what Attorney Singleton had prepared and recommended he file (App224-230), which included many fictitious statements (See App130-136) implying that Attorney Singleton was never responsible for filing this Appeal. This received the 4/13/2023 Appeals Order (App231) that caused RYAN THORNTON to file this 5/12/2023 Petition For Review (App3-25) with the WI Supreme Court.

On 7/22/2023, RYAN THORNTON filed [Brief of Appellant] (App) and on 7/28/2023 received this Appeals Order (App232), which impelled the Order dated August 17, 2023 by the Wisconsin Supreme Court in case No. 2023AP000769-CR (App109).

### Background

#### The Incident 2/7/2018

On or around 2/7/2018, this incident happened at roughly 1 AM.

The alleged victim, RYAN THORNTON's girlfriend at the time, who had been living at his house since almost 4 years prior, had come home after working a long shift at the hospital. The alleged victim was emotional and upset with RYAN THORNTON for some relationship flaws mostly related to RYAN THORNTON not putting in enough effort in and also not ever going to her family outings. RYAN THORNTON said something to her that night about her being "a maggot just like her brother living at her mom's house," for her not contributing with helping do anything and relying on RYAN THORNTON too much with their living situation.

The alleged victim became very confrontational when RYAN THORNTON came to sleep (after working in his garage for too long after she came home, further upsetting the alleged victim) in the bed that they shared and ended up shoving RYAN THORNTON so hard that he ended up hitting the back of his on the corner edge of the closet drywall in his room. RYAN THORNTON felt the back of his head swelling right away, so he went downstairs and got an icepack out of his freezer. RYAN THORNTON returned upstairs with his ice pack, trying to go to bed and the alleged victim was so upset with him that she chased him around while screaming for roughly 15 minutes and would dig her nails in his forearms and kick him in his shins whenever she got close enough to do so.

After about 15 minutes of that, the alleged victim cornered RYAN Page 5

THORNTON in his upstairs bathroom, with the back of his head facing the hard places and sharp drywall edges in this picture (App27). At this point, RYAN THORNTON's forearms were bleeding pretty bad and the alleged victim kept viciously digging her nails in his forearms, since she was so close to him, to the point where RYAN THORNTON was almost paralyzed from the pain of her clenching her nails in his skin and it was reasonably possible that he could easily be pushed backwards and hit the back of his head again, which was already swollen. He instinctively got behind her while bringing her to the floor and squeezed her tight for a few seconds to get her to stop attacking him. Then he held her there for a few minutes until she calmed down and stopped hyperventilating so much (which was due to her being so emotionally charged and winded from the amount of effort she put into attacking him). For the next half hour or so, the alleged victim was still hyperventilating and upset with RYAN THORNTON, but no longer confrontational.

#### Brief Summary of After The Incident

19CF397 began 5/1/2018 as a Disorderly Conduct, Domestic Abuse charge (18CM830; with a date of offense of 2/7/2018 that was reported to police on 4/9/2018) that was filed after a Harassment Restraining Order (18CV138) hearing on 4/30/2018. After RYAN THORNTON fired his 18CM830&18CV138 attorney, Mark Richards (mostly for trying to help the court cancel his 18CV138 Restraining Order DeNovo Hearings then telling him he won't have his Mother as a witness, to testify to his injuries, at the 18CM830 trial that was scheduled on 2/21/2019), explained that he wanted to continue Pro Se, filed a McMorris Motion on 1/24/2019 (App28-31), which Honorable Timothy Boyle and the state accepted (App42-43), Page 6

and Motion to Dismiss 18CM830 (pointing out how the alleged victim was obviously lying about literally everything in their records), the state decided to "Reissue" this case as 19CF397 on 3/28/2019 with both Felony Strangulation and Disorderly Conduct as the alleged charges. 19CF397 is now presided by Honorable Faye Flancher, who rejects the same exact McMorris Motion (App49-52), saying this is "Not a Self-Defense Case" (App77-78).

The trial took place on 9/11/2019, where he was convicted of both of the alleged charges, without the Jury given an Instruction for Self-Defense (App86-100), in addition to the other Issues described in the Petition For Review (App3-25). The Jury was not instructed to evaluate the Wisconsin Statute regarding the privilege of self-defense and given the Jury Indicated that they indicated that they were Not Unanimous at 2:25PM (App101-102), this Juror Instruction very likely could have altered their Final Verdict.

So in November 2019, RYAN THORNTON hired Attorney Justin Singleton for his Sentencing Hearing initially, then to Appeal this conviction because he always seemed very promising, up until 1/9/2023. He said that he had the highest LSAT score in his class at Marquette, which is believable because he is a very sharp lawyer, especially in person. From 12/11/2019 to 1/9/2023, RYAN THORNTON has been waiting on Attorney Justin Singleton to file an Appeal of this conviction [See [Motion For Reconsideration], filed 9/10/2023 (App115-146)], but Attorney Justin Singleton has lied to RYAN (See App123-130) about actually filing this Appeal and is currently making statements that imply he was never even responsible for filing this Appeal, and alleges some FICTITIOUS Public Defender situation caused RYAN's Direct Appellate Right to expire (Appl30-136). When RYAN

THORNTON came to Attorney Justin Singleton's office, to talk about Singleton (finally) filing this Appeal, on 1/9/2023, Attorney Justin Singleton had refunded \$6000 to Ryan Thornton saying that he has Cancer and cannot file this Appeal now that he has Cancer.

## Brief Summary of Current Wisconsin Court Proceedings

\*On 7/18/2023, Clerk of the US Supreme Court responds (App108) to the last time RYAN THORNTON filed this [PETITIONER'S APPLICATION TO EXTEND TIME TO FILE PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI]

\*On 7/21/2023, RYAN THORNTON filed 2023AP769: [Motion To Add To The Record On Appeal- In Response To the 7/20/2023 Order] (App153-163)

\*On 7/22/2023, RYAN THORNTON filed his <u>first and only</u> 2023AP769: [Brief of Appellant] (App164-195) on this matter (19CF397) and the State of Wisconsin rejects reviewing it (along with his 7/21/2023 Motion To Add To The Record) on 8/17/2023 (App109) and 8/22/2023 (App147-149).

\*On 9/10/2023, RYAN THORNTON files [Motion For Reconsideration] (App115-195) in response to the 8/22/2023 WI Court of Appeals Order (App147-149).

#### **Reasons For Granting An Extension Of Time**

The time to file a Petition for a Writ of Certiorari should be extended for 60 days for the following reasons:

- 1. It will take considerable time for RYAN THORNTON prepare a concise petition of maximum helpfulness to the Court. RYAN THORNTON is not an attorney, but he is learning as he goes since Pro Se seems to be the only effective way to accomplish anything, where the Wisconsin courts seem to always be trying to (unfavorably) control what happens (especially via every single one of the 4 lawyers he had hired for this).
- It will take considerable time for RYAN THORNTON to obtain supplies and prepare
   40-6 1/8 x 9 1/4 Booklets using 60lb paper, which are relatively non-standard
   requirements.
- 3. RYAN THORNTON having to file this Petition is solely a result of him trusting his attorney to (actually) file his Direct Appeal of this conviction, which Attorney Justin Singleton always persuaded RYAN THORNTON he would, starting 12/11/2019 via phone at Racine County Jail.
  - After putting together all of the facts regarding what Attorney Justin Singleton did with this Appeal and lied about, there should be Criminal laws preventing such conduct. This is deliberately Un-American what Attorney Justin Singleton and the State of Wisconsin are attempting to do with this Appeal. The State of Wisconsin is attempting to just not have to review the details of what Attorney Justin Singleton did. See [Motion For Reconsideration] filed 9/10/2023 (App115-195)
- 4. RYAN THORNTON's father passed away 11/1/2022 and he is dealing with totally unrelated, but very similar issues with the Wisconsin Courts (2022CV1244) where they make it feel Un-American by blatantly cheating on literally everything, making it very apparent that there is typically always an interest (the court has) in forcing a proceeding to go a certain direction, ir-regardless of where the truth lies or what is legally acceptable.
- Despite the WI Supreme Court Order being on 8/17/2023 (App109), RYAN
   Page 9

THORNTON still needs to file responses to with the State of Wisconsin rejecting to review his current filings [7/21/2023 Motion (App153-163), 7/22/2023 Brief of Appellant (App164-195), and 9/10/2023 Motion for Reconsideration (App115-146)] that have very strong legal merit, by (most likely) submitting a [Petition For Review] of [ORDER DENYING MOTION FOR EVIDENTIARY HEARING WITH ATTORNEY JUSTIN SINGLETON] filed 7/20/2023 (App150-152) and the 8/22/2023 WI Appeals Order Denying Jurisdiction (App147-149).

### Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, the Petitioner respectfully requests:

1. That the time to file the [Petition for a Writ of Certiorari] in this matter be extended 60 days, up to and including **January 15, 2024**.

Respectfully submitted.

9/25/2023

Pro Se Petitioner
Ryan T. Thornton, ACAS (casact.org)
4014 19th St
Racine, WI 53405
ryan0410@gmail.com
P: 262.939,4405

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

A copy of this application was served by email and U.S. mail to the counsel listed below in accordance with Supreme Court Rule 22.2 and 29.3:

John A. Blimling Assistant Attorney General 17 W. Main Street P.O. Box 7857 Madison, W1 53707-7857 blimlingja@doj.state.wi.us 608/267-3519

> Ryan J. Thomton 9/25/2023

> > Pro Se Petitioner
> > Ryan T. Thornton, ACAS (casact.org)
> > 4014 19th St
> > Racine, WI 53405
> > ryan0410@gmail.com
> > P: 262.939.4405