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No. _____

IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

IN RE: AARON FRANKLIN JOHNSON JR..
-PETITIONER

VS.

CLEVELAND FRIDAY, et. al
-RESPONDENTS

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ON PETITION FOR A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS TO
Appellate Court of Maryland

PETITION FOR EXTRAORDINARY WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS
AND ORIGINAL PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS

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QUESTION PRESENTED

The Question Presented is if Mr. Johnson is entitled to a habeas relief and extraordinary writ due to the State of Maryland pattern of abuse and neglect while he is in State custody; and following this as-applied challenge of the Appellate Court and District Court of Maryland's application of the statutes pertaining to who can file a habeas corpus petition and when it can be filed. Both courts either struck and/ or rejected filings made on the behalf of the Petitioner by his wife, stating that she is not an attorney. Petitioner's wife does have power-of-attorney to file claims on his behalf. Petitioner contends that the courts' rulings violated 28 U.S. Code § 2242, which states in part:

"Application for a writ of habeas corpus shall be in writing signed and verified by the person for whose relief it is intended or by someone acting in his behalf".

Mr. Johnson then applied for habeas relief individually, and his petition was denied with the court falsely stating that the case was already closed, when it had not. Applications for habeas relief can be made at any time. The court issued the denial order while simultaneously closing the case in the order.

LIST OF PARTIES

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 the petition is as follows: CLEVELAND FRIDAY and ANTHONY BROWN.

This is an original habeas proceeding and a petition for an extraordinary writ of habeas corpus. The Petitioner is Aaron F. Johnson, Jr. The Respondents are Cleveland Friday, the Warden of Maryland Correctional Training Center (MCTC), which has custody over Mr. Johnson, and Anthony Brown, Maryland Attorney General.

RELATED PROCEEDINGS

USDC, Civil Action No. GLR-23-879, Johnson v. Wolfe et. al.

Department of Justice, OCR 22-1520, Johnson v. State of Maryland

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OPINIONS BELOW

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

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JURISDICTION

The date on which the highest federal court decided the case was May 29, 2024.

A copy of that decision appears at appendix B..

A timely petition for rehearing was not possible because the May 29, 2024 Court Order was not received by the Incarcerated Petitioner until after the appellate period expired. His representative, who initially filed the Petition for a Writ of Habeas Corpus on his behalf, did not receive a notice or a copy of the final order, and was barred from proceeding as Petitioner; therefore, she could not file a timely response either. Incarcerated Petitioner was not brought to Court for a hearing or proceeding on the matter.

The date on which the highest state court decided the case was April 11, 2025.

A copy of that decision appears at appendix A.

The jurisdiction of the U.S. Supreme Court is invoked under 28 U. S. C. §1651(a), Title 28 U.S.C. § 2241, Title 28 U.S. Code § 2254.

CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY PROVISIONS INVOLVED

18, U.S.C. Section 242

28 U.S.C. § 2241

28 U.S. Code § 2242

28 U.S. Code § 2254

8th Amendment, United States Constitution

14th Amendment, United States Constitution

American with Disabilities Act (ADA)

STATEMENT OF THE CASE

Petitioner has exhausted all legal remedy, and this petition of extraordinary writ of habeas corpus and original petition for habeas corpus is necessary to address the violations to his constitutional rights while in state custody.

The lower courts have erroneously applied the statute of 28 U.S. Code § 2242, unlawfully barring applications for a writ of habeas corpus from any other party other than the Petitioner or an attorney.

Petitioner is protected under the 8th and 14th Amendments to the United States Constitution, and the Americans with Disabilities Act (AD). Thus, he must be kept free from abuse and neglect while in State custody.

REASONS FOR GRANTING WRIT

Relief Cannot Be Obtained Elsewhere - relief sought directly or on my behalf, for issues and concerns related to the conditions or my confinement, abuse, ect., includes but is not limited to, the following:

- **Inmate Grievance System:** majority of Inmate grievances not properly processed or responded to. Requests for Administrative Remedy Procedure (ARP), ignored.
- **Department of Justice, Office Civil Rights**
- **Courts where relief previously sought:**
 1. District Court for Baltimore City - bail and bond denied.
 2. Circuit Court for Baltimore City - bail, habeas, petitions for rehabilitative treatment etc, denied, held without bond. Never brought to court for habeas proceedings.
 3. US District Court of Maryland- Habeas petition denied. Took over 1 year for a judgement. No proceeding. Wife disallowed from petitioning.
 4. District Court for Baltimore County - applications for peace order (type of protective order) denied. Motion for habeas to be brought to court, denied.
 5. Circuit Court for Baltimore County - applications for peace order, appealed, denied. In one instance the Court advises to sue jail instead. In another instance the court falsely reports Incarcerated Petitioner is not at the courthouse when he was, and proceeded to hold the hearing without him. Court records prove he was transported for the hearing.
 6. Appellate Court of Maryland - Application for leave to appeal violation of probation, motion for appointment of counsel, motion for reconsideration, motion for habeas corpus, motion for a parole hearing, all denied. Wife's letters of testimony and habeas corpus petition stricken. Told she's not an attorney or party to the case. However, she was a witness in the VOP proceeding at the trial court, and previously provided testimony.

7. Supreme Court of Maryland - petitions for a writ of certiorari denied. 'Not in public interest'. Related to appeal of denial of petitions for peace order.

8. Supreme Court of the US: petitions for a writ of certiorari on debited petitions for peace order against the abuses. First conference - denied. Rehearing petition denied.

- Governor of Maryland, Wesley Moore; Governor's Office of Constituent Services); Office of Constituent Services asked for compassionate release request list, list provided, no response from their office to requests for updates).
- Office of the Attorney General (no response received prior to legal process / application for leave to appeal. Very dismissive of the human rights violations and abuses. Failed to address and / remed).
- Mayor of Baltimore City (cited lack of jurisdiction)
- Commissioner, Maryland Parole Commission (MPC) and numerous other parties within the administration, to include but not limited to, the Chairman and the Chief (they have not properly addressed concerns outlined in several letters to the MPC from the Petitioner, or emails and phone calls from his representative, and have withheld parole files he is entitled to review. Parole hearing has not been set despite longstanding eligibility for parole since sentencing).
- Senator Shelly Hettleman
- Congressman Dutch A. Ruppersberger (outside of federal jurisdiction)
- Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
- Congressman Kwame Mfume (no response received)
- Senator Jill Carter (no response received)
- Senator Mary Washington (no response received)
- Senate President Bill Ferguson (no response received; represents district where most of the pretrial detention and correctional facilities are located in Baltimore City)
- Delegate Robbyn Lewis (no response received; represents district where most of the pretrial detention and correctional facilities are located in Baltimore City)
- Baltimore City Sheriff (no response received)

- Maryland Board of Public Works
- American Civil Liberties Union of Maryland
- Office of the Public Defender
- Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (MD_DPSCS), to include, but not limited to:
 1. Office of the Secretary
 2. Office of Constituent Services
 3. Maryland Commission on Correctional Standards (MCCS)
 4. Intelligence & Investigative Division
 5. Office of the Inspector General
 6. Office of Inmate Services
 7. Maryland Division of Parole & Probation
 8. Maryland Parole Commission
 9. Office of Policy & Regulations
 10. Office of the Commissioner of the Division of Pretrial Detention Services
 11. Office of the Commissioner of the Division of Corrections (DOC)
 12. Deputy Secretary of Operations

Claims Are Not Procedurally Banned

There is no procedural obstacle to this Court giving Mr. Johnson's claim its full and fair consideration.

The claim should not be deemed as successive due to this as-applied challenge of the lower courts' application of the statutes.

The claim should not be deemed procedurally defaulted, as the appeal of the Appellate Court of Maryland's ruling is timely, and the inability of the Petitioner to respond to the US District Court's ruling was due to late receipt of legal mail and the Petitioner's relocation while in state custody.

Claims Are Meritous

Petitioner is protected under the American with Disabilities Act due to multiple bonafide health conditions. While in state custody he has been physically assaulted by staff on numerous occasions, and medically-neglected.

Petitioner's documented history of physical abuse, mental abuse, and neglect while in custody of the State of Maryland, is in violation of the 14th and 8th Amendments to the United States Constitution, and of 18, U.S.C. Section 242; which requires equal protection of pretrial detainees, and prohibits cruel and unusual punishment of convicted individuals, and prohibits violations to his human rights under color of law, respectively.

CONCLUSION

Petitioner prays that this Court grant his Petition for extraordinary or original writ of habeas corpus.

I, Aaron F. Johnson Jr., certify that:

- (1) I am involuntarily confined in Maryland Correctional and Training Center (MCTC), and proceeding pro se.
- (2) I have no direct access to the U.S. Postal Service or to a permitted means of electronically filing the attached pleading or paper;
- (3) I personally signed a copy to be delivered by process server;
- (4) The item was in mailable form and I have caused it to be mailed with the correct postage to be later affixed to it.

I solemnly affirm this 6th day of June 2025, under the penalty of perjury and upon personal knowledge that the foregoing statements are true.

Respectfully submitted,

Aaron Johnson Jr

Aaron F. Johnson Jr, Pro Se
June 6, 2025