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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF IOWA

No. 25-1263

Polk County No. FECR081231

ORDER

STATE OF IOWA,
Plaintiff-Appellee,

vs.

STEVEN DALE BRADLEY,
Defendant-Appellant.

This matter comes before the court upon its own motion following review of appellant's notice of appeal filed on July 31, 2025.

On or about July 14, 2025, the court entered an order denying appellant's motion to correct an illegal sentence. A party is not entitled to an appeal as a matter of right from a denial of a motion to correct an illegal sentence; rather, the party must seek review via a petition for writ of certiorari. *State v. Propps*, 897 N.W.2d 91, 97 (Iowa 2017). The court treats the notice of appeal as a petition for writ of certiorari. Iowa Rs. App. P. 6.151(1); 6.107(1).

Upon consideration, the petition is denied.

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State v. Bradley

So Ordered

Edward Mansfield, Justice

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IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR POLK COUNTY

STATE OF IOWA,	
Plaintiff,	Case No. FECR081231
v.	RULING ON DEFENDANT'S MULTI-MOTIONS TO CORRECT AN ILLEGAL SENTENCE AND VOID JUDGMENT
STEVEN DALE BRADLEY,	
Defendant.	

Before the Court there are two motions filed by Steven Dale Bradley. On April 21, 2025, Mr. Bradley filed a six-part Motion to Correct an Illegal Sentence and Void Judgment supplemented with a certificate of his inmate account and assets, a letter to the clerk with an index and appendix, and 260 pages of exhibits pertaining to pre-trial, guilty plea, and appellate proceedings in his case, as well as the cases of two of his co-defendants, Garland Shaffer and Angel Stewart. *See* D0423 – D0492. On June 12, 2025, Mr. Bradley filed a Multi-Motion Requesting Court Orders. *See* D0493. In summary, Mr. Bradley requests for himself and on behalf of Ms. Stewart: 1) a virtual or in person hearing; 2) vacation of guilty pleas in Iowa and Missouri; 3) vacation of illegal sentences in Iowa and Missouri; 4) dismissal of restitution orders and subsequent reimbursement; 5) dismissal of all charges with prejudice; and 6) full exoneration with immediate release. In addition, Mr. Bradley requests State funds to pay for his private investigator and for the Court to revisit his previously filed motions.

For the following reasons, the Court denies Mr. Bradley's motions in their entirety.¹ Under Iowa Code section 903A.5 (2024), "... an inmate may receive credit upon the inmate's sentence while incarcerated in an institution or jail of another jurisdiction during any period of

¹ At the time of this ruling, Criminal Case No. FECR081231 exclusively involves the defendant, Steven Dale Bradley. The Court makes no findings related to Angel Charlene Stewart given her separate Criminal Case No. FECR081234, and that Mr. Bradley has no authority or ability to seek relief on Ms. Stewart's behalf, because to do so would constitute the unauthorized practice of law.

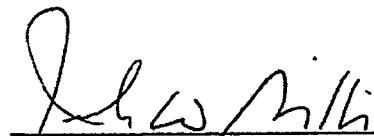
time the person is receiving credit upon a sentence of that other jurisdiction." Iowa Code § 903A.5(2) (2024). At the time of Mr. Bradley's sentencing, this Iowa Code section stated that, "[a]n inmate shall not receive credit upon the inmate's sentence ... for time served in an institution or jail of another jurisdiction during any period of time the person is receiving credit upon a sentence of that other jurisdiction." Iowa Code § 903A.5 (1993). In Mr. Bradley's recently filed motions, he attempts to re-litigate issues already decided by a court order in 2003. See D0235, Ruling on Mot. to Correct Illegal Sentence (3/12/2003). The Court in 2003 ruled that Mr. Bradley's sentence was not illegal under Iowa Code § 903A.5 (1993) and did not require correction. This Court cannot act in an appellate capacity here since there is no legal basis for it to do so. Thus, the 2003 court order remains in effect.

Mr. Bradley pled guilty in Polk County, Iowa, on February 2, 1995. He was then transported to Clark County, Missouri, to plead guilty and be sentenced before the Court on February 9, 1995. Mr. Bradley was immediately transported back to Polk County, Iowa, for sentencing and incarceration on February 10, 1995. "An inmate shall be deemed to be serving the sentence from the day on which the inmate is received into the institution." Iowa Code § 903A.5(1). While Mr. Bradley is a registered inmate with the Missouri Department of Corrections, he has remained within custody of the Iowa Department of Corrections since February 10, 1995. Accordingly, he has been serving life imprisonment without possibility of parole and receiving credit on his sentences in both Iowa and Missouri, where the sentences are running concurrently. Any assertions by Mr. Bradley to the contrary are meritless. Provided that Mr. Bradley's criminal case is closed, the appropriate method of challenging his conviction and sentence is through an application for postconviction relief if he can satisfy his burden in those proceedings.

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For the reasons stated above, IT IS ORDERED that all pending motions are denied in their entirety.

Dated this 9th day of July, 2025.



Joseph W. Seidlin, Judge

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**STEVEN DALE BRADLEY,
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This matter comes before the court, McDonald, Oxley, and McDermott, JJ., upon appellant's motion for review of a single-justice order pursuant to Iowa Rule of Appellate Procedure 6.1002(5)(b).

Upon consideration, the August 13, 2025 order denying appellant's petition for writ of certiorari is confirmed as the order of this court.

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Christopher McDonald, Justice

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