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IN THE

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

Petition for Writ of Certiorari

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John Hurt

— PETITIONER

(Your Name)

vs.

People of the State of Illinois

— RESPONDENT(S)

ON PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO

Illinois Supreme Court (Petition for Leave to Appeal)
(NAME OF COURT THAT LAST RULED ON MERITS OF YOUR CASE)

PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI

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QUESTION(S) PRESENTED

My Attorneys: Anthony Plaid and Joseph Cavise were ineffective in their assistance towards me and my case. I told them that I had a sexual relationship with Jessica Tetter and her mother Dione Lafond and they did not want me to get on the stand and promised me a lesser charge of second Degree murder, because they told me that the case is second Degree murder and not ~~as~~ first Degree murder. So, how did I end up with first Degree murder? I did not premeditate or intentionally do anything. I was attacked with a knife because of the type of relationship I had. ~~My attorney~~ May I please have a retrial or a sentence reduction of a lesser charge? Will you please look over my statement at the end of the case when I let the courts know on the record what really happened and what kind of a relationship, me, Jessica Tetter, and her Mother: Dione Lafond really had?

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

People v. Kirkman ~~(1985)~~ (1985)
170 Ill. App. 3d 106 (1988)
522 N.E. 2d 588
118 Ill. Dec. 918

People v. O'Neal (1984)
104 Ill. 2d 399
84 Ill. Dec. 481
472 N.E. 2d 441

People v. Foster (1979)
76 Ill. 2d 365
29 Ill. Dec. 449
392 N.E. 2d 6

People v. Jordan (1985)
130 Ill. App. 3d 810
86 Ill. Dec. 86
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466 U.S. 668
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STATUTES AND RULES

ILCS 720-9-2 (b) states that if a defendant believed that force was necessary and justified for their protection that the next determination is whether or not defendant's belief was unreasonable, then a conviction for second degree murder results.

OTHER

Strickland v. Washington (1984) 466 U.S. 668, 104 S.Ct. 2052, and 80 L.Ed. 2d 674 state, and show how defendant have been prejudiced by their Attorneys ineffective assistance of counsel. I told my attorneys what happened before we went to trial and they did not even try to help me substantiate a conviction of second Degree murder. The other 4 cases up top state: how case should have been second Degree Murder.

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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 6 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 _____ 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 b 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~~ court appears at Appendix 6 to the petition and is

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JURISDICTION

For cases from **federal courts**:

The date on which the United States Court of Appeals decided my case was ~~_____~~

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 9/24/25.
A copy of that decision appears at Appendix B.

[] 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).

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CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY PROVISIONS INVOLVED

It is against my 4th, 8th, and 14th Amendment Constitutional rights not to be treated fairly as my case was concerned. Anthony plaid and Joseph Cavise were both my Attorneys and they promised me a lesser charge of Second Degree murder. They told me not to get on the stand in my own defense because they had everything under control. They told me that the case was a crime of passion because I had a sexual relationship with Jessica Tetter and her mother Dione Lafond, and Jessica Tetter tried to kill me by trying to stab me in the neck. I tried to defend myself, she hit her head and ended up gasping for air and then she died. I know I was wrong for having a sexual relationship with a 16 yr. old and her mother at the same time at the age of 27 yrs. old., but the law is the Law and I did not premeditate anything or intentionally do anything to kill anyone, and It was a crime of passion. A lesser charge of second Degree Murder.

STATEMENT OF THE CASE

The facts of the case are: I had a sexual relationship with Jessica Tetter and her mother Dione Lafond. I stated this at the end of the case on the record in front of Judge Tiana S. Blakely. I should not have even been charged with a First Degree murder charge. The DNA and spermazoid did not even match me and I told the truth about the relationship I had with Jessica Tetter and her Mother Dione Lafond. So, why do I still have a First Degree murder charge? May I please have a lesser charge of second Degree Murder?

REASONS FOR GRANTING THE PETITION

The Reasons you should grant me certiorari are:
My case should not have been a First Degree Murder in the first case due to the fact that I had a sexual relationship with both, Jessica Tetter and her mother Dione Lafond which made Jessica Tetter infuriated to the point of trying to stab me in my Carotid Artery and Kill me. She said you are still having Sex with my mom and she tried to take my life. I pushed her too hard and she hit her head on the steel frame of the balcony door and she gasped for air and she died. I did not intentionally Kill anyone or premeditate anything. I am truly sorry for what happened to Jessica Tetter and I did not mean for it to happen. I know that I was wrong for the sexual relationship I had with Jessica Tetter and her mother, but may I please be granted a new trial or a lesser charge of second degree murder?

* Notarized

CONCLUSION

The petition for a writ of certiorari should be granted.

Respectfully submitted;

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Date: 10/1/25