

IN THE  
**Supreme Court of the United States**

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NADARIUS BARNES,  
*Petitioner,*

v.

UNITED STATES,  
*Respondent.*

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**On Petition for a Writ of Certiorari to the  
United States Court of Appeals  
for the Tenth Circuit**

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**BRIEF AMICUS CURIAE OF THE  
DUKE CENTER FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND  
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY  
IN SUPPORT OF PETITIONER**

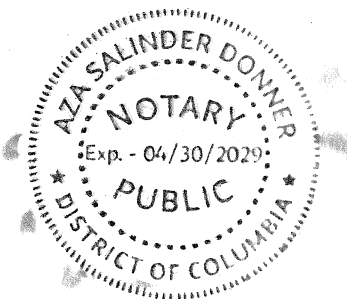
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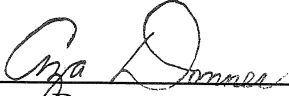
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