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August 2007

Mr. Andre Boston P.O. Box 689 Soledad, CA 93960

Dear Mr. Boston:

On behalf of the faculty and staff at Coastline Community College, I want to congratulate you on making the Honors List for the 2007 Spring Semester. This achievement recognizes completion of at least 6.0 to 11.9 units (excluding summer) in courses awarding letter grades and in which a GPA of 3.75 to 4.0 is earned.

The attainment of honors at Coastline is especially impressive in that most of our students are not attending fulltime and are often balancing work, family, and educational commitments. Your accomplishment is due to your effort and dedication.

Again, congratulations and I wish you continued success in your academic pursuits. We hope you will continue to look to Coastline Community College for help in achieving your educational goals.

Sincerely

Nancý S. Jones V President, Academic Senate

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April 29, 2005

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President, Academic Senate

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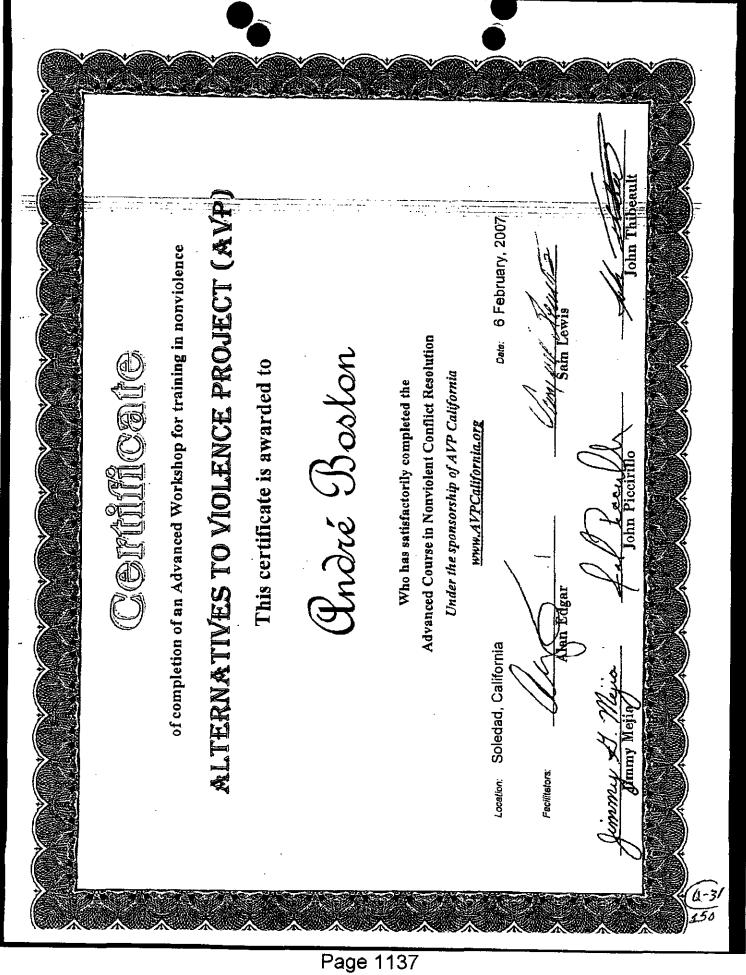
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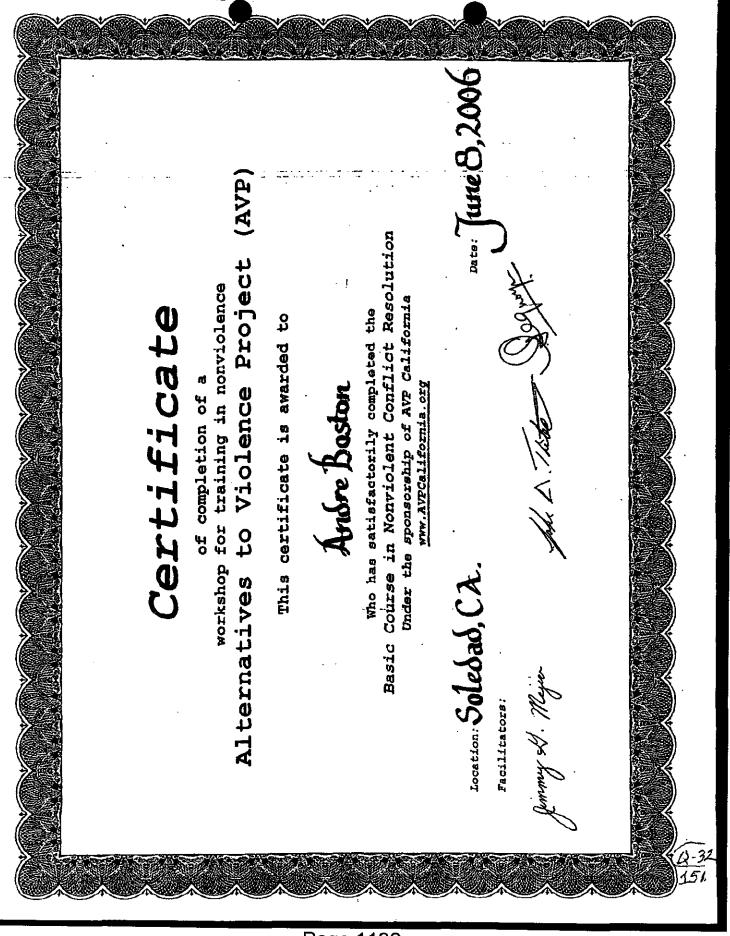
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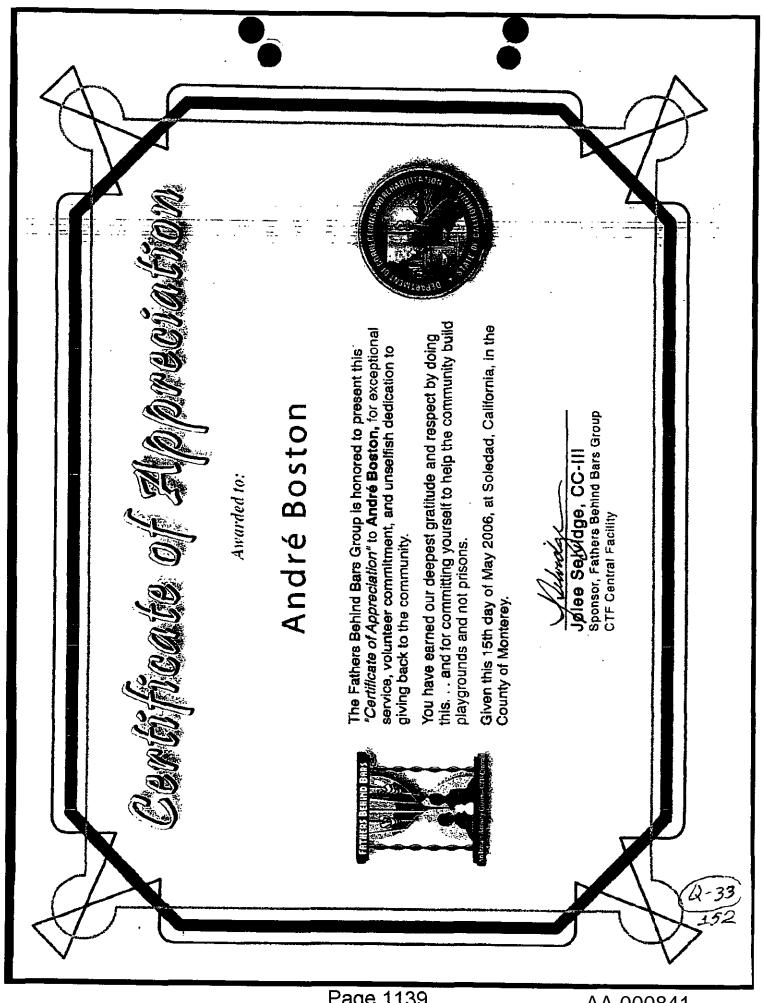
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### CORRECTIONAL TRAINING FACILITY

## CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION



Presented To:

### ANDRÉ BOSTON



The Correctional Training Facility and the Fathers Behind Bars Inmate Activity Group is honored to present this "Certificate of Appreciation" to you André Boston, D-03868, for your outstanding contribution in making the 2005 Annual CTF Children's Holiday Festival a success.

We thank you for your participation and the level of professionalism you have committed to this 35th annual Community Event. The Correctional Training Facility Administration deeply appreciates your efforts.

Presented on this 12th day of January, 2006, at Soledad, California, in the County of Monterey.

M. J. HILL
Associate Warden

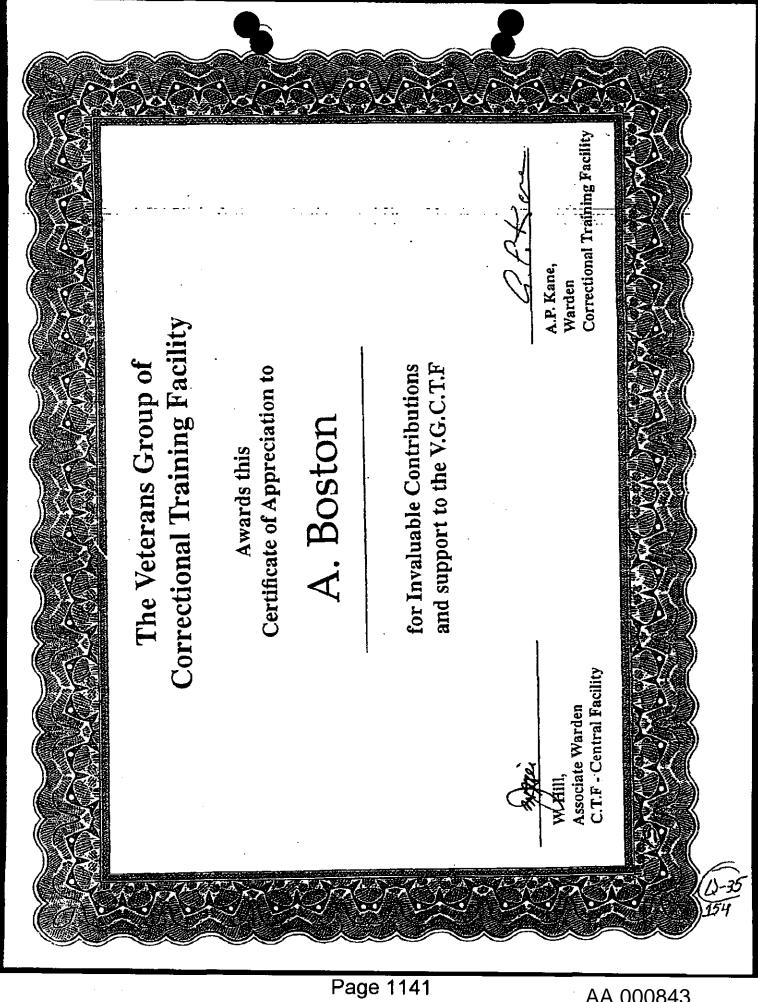
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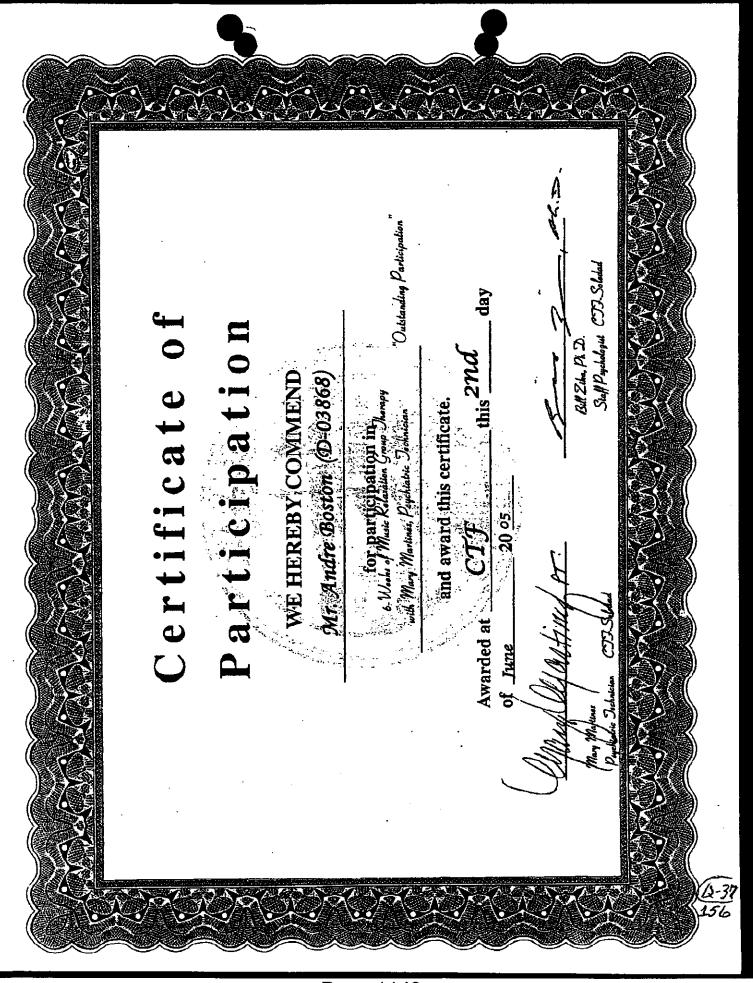
A. Boston, D-03868, the Fathers Behind Bars Activity Group - Central Facility is honored to present this certificate for your participation in the Legal Services For Prisoners With Children Seminar on June 15, 2005, with L.S.P.C. Staff Attorney Cassie M. Pierson.

The knowlege and exercise of your parental rights will benefit society in many ways, as well as assist you in actively participating in the lives of your children and molding them into better citizens.

Presented on this 30th day of June, 2005, at Soledad, California, in the County of Monterey.

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AOLEE SEXMOGE, CC-III
Fathers Behind Bars Activity Grou





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P.O. Box 686, SOLEDAD, CA 93960 Tel: (831) 678-3951 FAX:(831) 678-4910

Date: May 11, 2005

To: ALL CENTRAL FACILITY FATHERS BEHIND BARS MEMBERS AND APPLICANTS

From: JOLEE SELVIDGE, CC-III

Sponsor - Fathers Behind Bars Group

Holiday Festival Coordinator

CTF -Central Facility

Subject: APPOINTMENT OF HOLIDAY FESTIVAL COORDINATOR/ FATHERS BEHIND BARS GROUP MEMBER

This memorandum is to inform all Fathers Behind Bars members and applicants that due to the groups new mission, effective immediately, André Boston, is officially the CTF Central Facility Holiday Festival Coordinator, and is also an official member of the Fathers Behind Bars Inmate Activity Group.

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE:

When Friends Outside, Monterey County closed their doors in 2001, the Warden through the Associate Warden-Central Facility appointed inmates H.L. Finney and Gary Cardi as Institutional Coordinators for this event in-order to carry on this CTF tradition. Accordingly, Mr. Boston was contacted and served as the CTF North/South Facility Holiday Festival Coordinator in 2001, under the direction of CC-I Leo Hunter and myself.

Since his arrival at Central Facility in 2002, he has worked with the Fathers Behind Bars Group in the same capacity.

OFFICIAL DUTIES:

In his official capacity, Mr. Boston will serve as Co-Festival Coordinator along with Coordinator H.L. Finney, and will work with the CTF North and South Facility Fathers Behind Bars Groups through their Executive Body, Myself, the Staff Coordinators, and other Administrative Staff Members in-order to assure the overall success of this Tri-Facility event.

Thank you for your continuous efforts and support.

JOLEE SELVIDGE, CC-III
Sponsor - Fathers Behind Bars Group

Holiday Festival Coordinator

CTF -Central Facility

CC: W. Hill, Associate Warden-Central Facility
Central Facility FBB Group Coordinators
North and South Facility FBB Group Sponsors, Coordinators, & Group Presidents

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FATHERS BEHIND BARS INMATE ACTIVITY GROUP

## CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Presented To:



ANDRÉ BOSTON



The Correctional Training Facility is honored to present this "Certificate of Appreciation" to you as Holiday Festival Coordinator for the Fathers Behind Bars Inmate Activity Group. Your outstanding efforts in coordinating the 2004 CTF Children's Holiday Festival made it an enormous success.

We thank you for the exceptional service and the level of professionalism you have committed to this 34th annual Community Event. The Correctional Training Facility Administration deeply appreciates your efforts.

Presented on this 28th day of December, 2004, at Soledad, California, in the County of Monterey.

J. HML, Associate Warden CTF - Central Pacility

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A. P. KANE, Warden (A)

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# The Correctional Training Navility

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**Certificate of Appreciation to** 

A. BOSTON

For participation in the Annual Children's Holiday Festival Sunday, December 15, 2002

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L.G. Schwimmer, Associate Warden (A) Children's Holiday Festival Sponsor CTF-Central Facility

J. Hamlet, Warden Correctional Training Facility

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### COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD IS PRESENTED TO

### A. Boston, Committee Chairman

The Correctional Training Facility (CTF), Community Resource-Manager is honored to present this Certificate of organizations. Your varied support and commitment this plays and why avering concern for these families. It offers This certificate is a token of our appreciation ervice, and doing a great work for our Appreciation for Outstanding dedication and contribution to the pusquers' children and victim's services non profit renatineed help now. Kaffee of violence and Taster Community. You have made a wonderfule outribetion to man for your generosity and many efforts ging providing many them hope and an opportunity for a new.

o, you have our most sincerest and deepest On behalf of those you've help save, and those you cont gratitude. Thank you.

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Children's Holiday Festival Director
Correctional Training Facility

Children's Holiday Festival Assist. Director

Correctional Training Facility

December 15, 2001

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### Liketime Humanitarian Award for Outstanding Service

presented to:

### Andre D. Boston

The Correctional Training Facility Men's Advisory Council (MAC) is honored to present this Lifetime Humanitarian Award for outstanding dedication and service to humanity to Andre Boston, D-03868.

This award is in recognition for exceptional service, volunteer commitments, and professionalism. It is with genuine pleasure that we present this award as a token of our appreciation for your unselfish dedication to giving back to the community, including victim/offender reconciliation, and education. Also, for you deep concern for bring about an environment of independence, and freedom from violence in the lives of families of prisoners.

You have earned our deepest gratitude and respect by doing this...and for committing yourself to help children build playgrounds and not prisons.

On behalf of the entire general population, the Men's Advisory Council proudly bestows this Lifetime Humanitarian Award on Andre Boston, Children's Holiday Festival Committee Chairman — North Facility Men's Advisory Council President, this fifteenth day of December, in the year 2001, at Soledad, California, in the County of Monterey.

H.L. Finney, Assistant Director

Children's Holiday Festival Correctional Training Facility

Barbara Crawford, CC-II

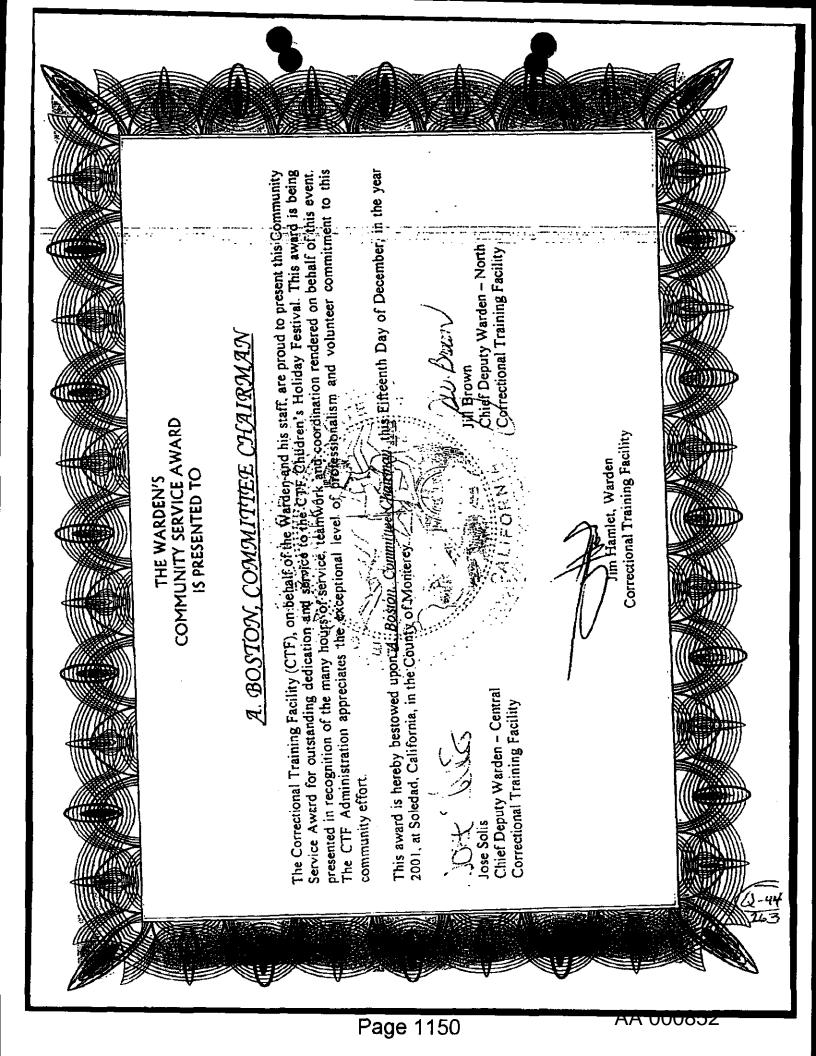
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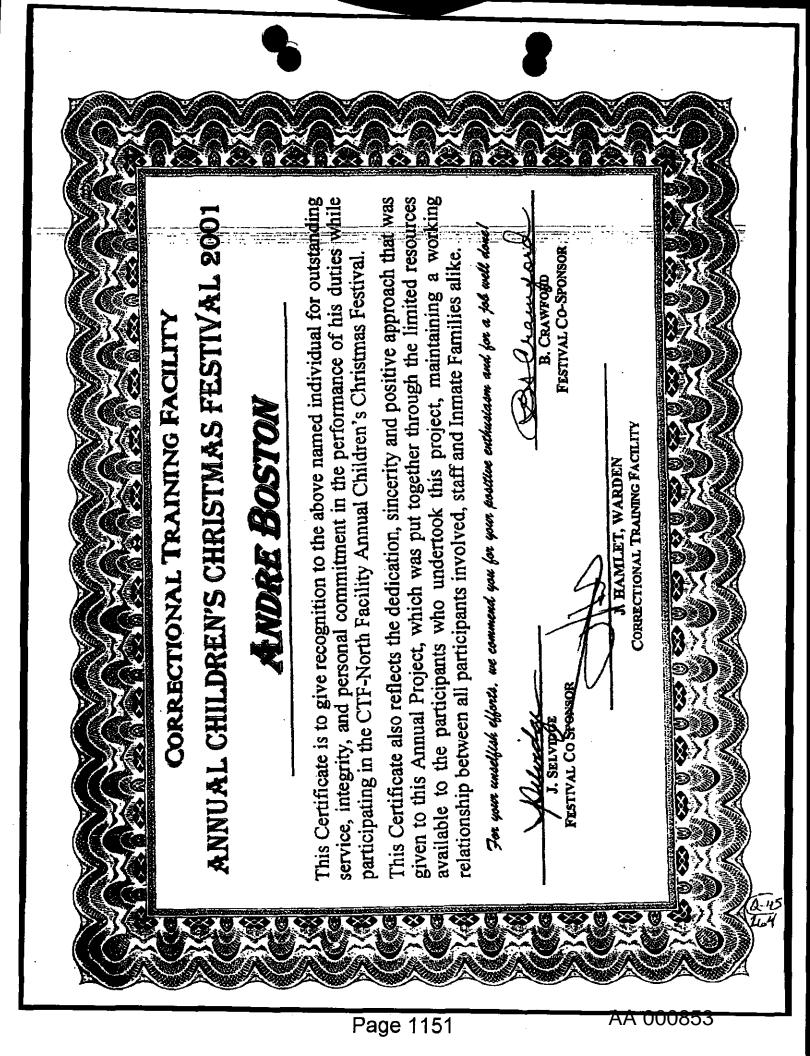
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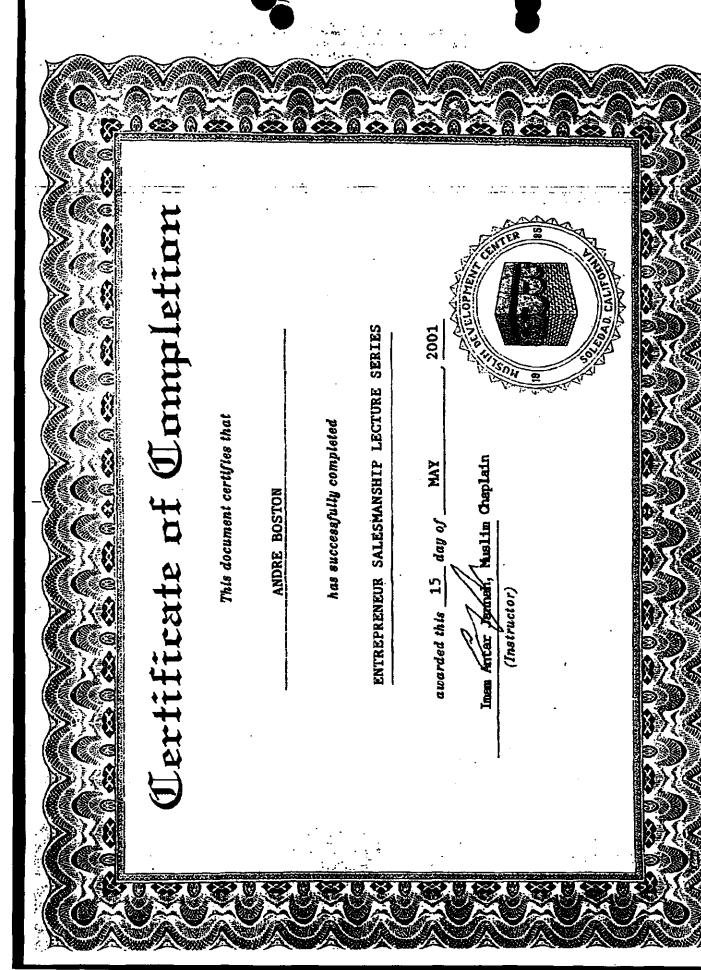
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Department of Corrections

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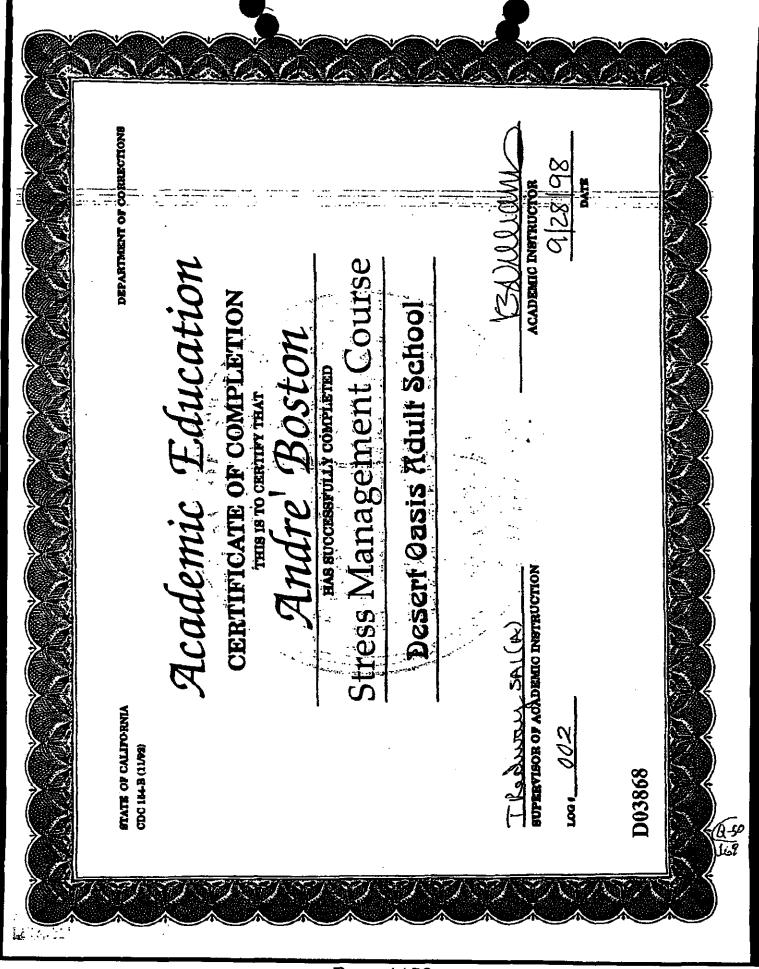
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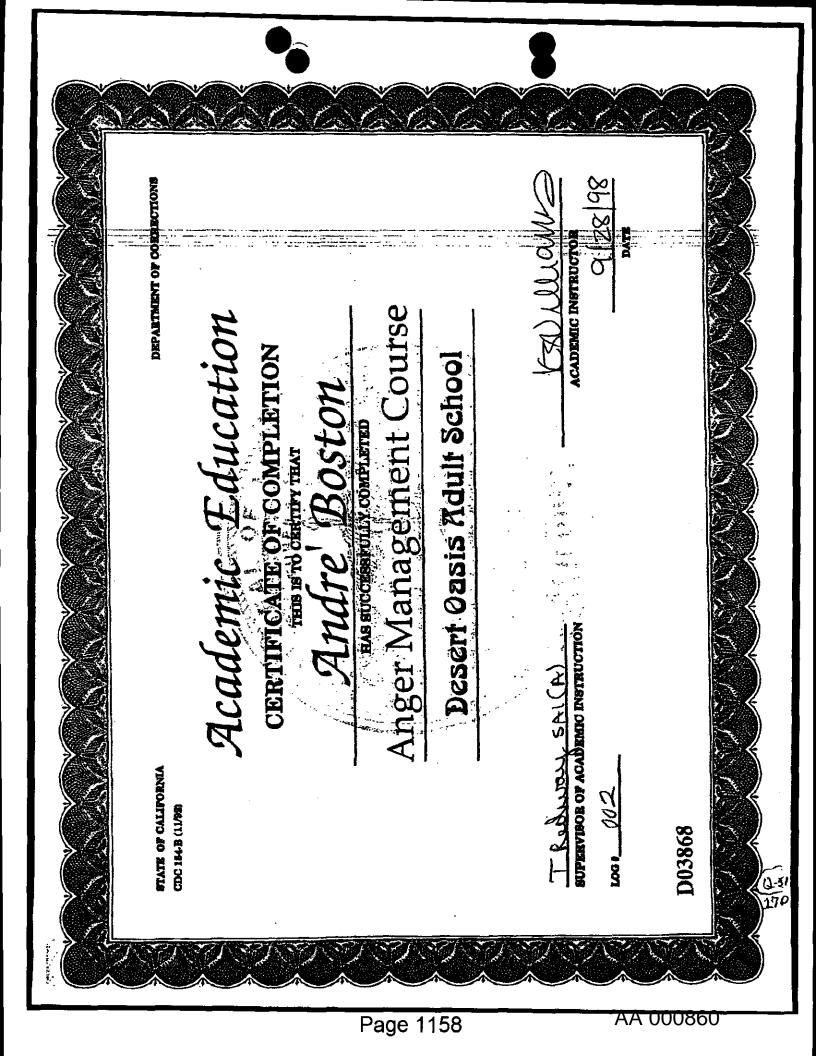
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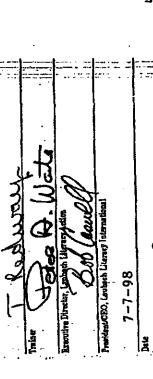


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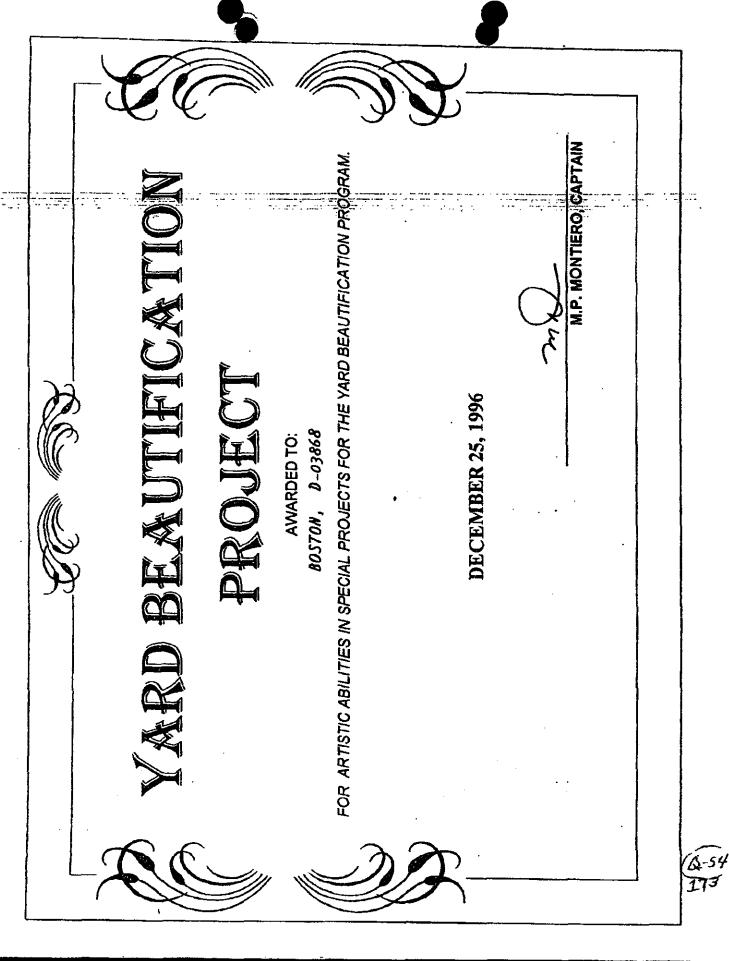
# CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION VOLUNTEER TUTOR WORKSHOP

hour workshop with emphasis on tutoring sponsored by a Laubach Literacy Action member program, Andre Boston and/or conducted by an LLA certified trainer. has satisfactorily completed a 12 This is to recognize that \_





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"TRUST" was the theme this AVP mini-workshop centered around, and the exercises were all geared toward developing the foundations of trust.

I observed twenty-nine (29) participants of a 2-hour Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) follow-up class held Monday, November 27, 2006. I viewed the men interacting with all ethnicities. Each enthusiastically engaged in all exercises together, which were provided by Linda McCue and Robin Keeler (accredited AVP facilitators from the community). Mr. BOSTON is to be commended for his voluntary participation within the group, for his individual contribution to promoting a peaceful non-violent programming environment and for his continued interest in the AVP program. There were no bystanders - and each participant looks forward to this experience. Mr. BOSTON was an interactive participant, radiating positive energy and exuberance. The AVP/USA program will change your life daily as different or difficult situations arise. AVP's goals are to educate and publicize the transformations that can happen as a result of the workshops in which all participants are actively involved.

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Associate Warden

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DATE 11/29/06

Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP)

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Mr. BOSTON voluntarily contributed 21 hours of his time, during a two-day period, in the Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) Advanced Workshop, conducted on February 5 & 6, 2007. The AVP Program is an internationally recognized program designed to empower people to lead non-violent lives through affirmation, respect for all, community building, cooperation and trust. Workshop elements included principles of cooperation with coworkers, developing listening skills, promoting communication skills, as well as developing tools for stress and anger management. The goal of the Advanced workshop is to build on the skills and attitudes that lead to fulfilling and crime-free lives developed in the Basic workshop, allowing a deeper look at aspects of violence such as stereotyping, fear and anger. Inmates completing the Advanced workshop may participate more than once in the Advanced and the Training for Trainers workshops. The Advanced workshop builds on communications, cooperation, problem solving, and related topics such as gender issues and forgiveness. Mr. BOSTON is to be commended for successfully completing this AVP Advanced Workshop and his individual contribution to promoting a peaceful, non-violent programming environment at the Correctional Training Facility.

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Inmate

A. Edgar

Facilitator

Alternatives to Violence Project

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Associate Warden (A)

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NAME and NUMBER

BOSTON, A.

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On June 27, 2007, Mr. BOSTON attended a self-help seminar organized by the Fathers Behind Bars Group at the Correctional Training Facility, Central Facility. The seminar was conducted by a staff attorney for Legal Services for Prisoners with Children (LSPC); Cassie M; Pierson and Larry Braynen, the employment administrator of the Northern California Service League (NCSL). In this seminar, inmates learned valuable information concerning their legal rights during and after incarceration, as well as services available to provide assistance to them in their respective communities. Mr. BOSTON is to be commended for his voluntary participation in this informative seminar.

The Legal Services for Prisoners with Children, located at 1540 Market Street #490, San Francisco, California 94102, is an organization of dedicated volunteers that provide advocacy and support to prisoners and their family members. The Northern California Service League, located at 28 Boardman Place, San Francisco, California 94103 guides inmates with drug, alcohol or mental health problems into treatment programs and offers parenting, substance abuse, conflict resolution, and life skills classes.

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Fathers Behind Bars Group (FBB)

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION CDC-128-B (Rev.A/74)

NAME and NUMBER

BOSTON, A. D03868

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On March 1, 2007, the Pather Behind Bars Group at the Correctional Training Facility, Central Facility, organized a Donation Drive for the Soledad Junior R.O.T.C. Drill Team in Pensacola, Florida from April 11 - 15, 2007. You responded with a voluntary contribution to this worthy cause. Your donation and those of your fellow members of the inmate population represent a genuine sacrifice, where many of you make less than \$30.00 a month. The total contribution to this cause at Central Facility was approximately \$ 1000. You are to be commended for your generosity and willingness to give back to the community.

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cc: Staff Sponsor

: Inmate

Sponsor-Father behind Bars Group Childern's Holiday Festival Sponsor

CTF-Central Facility

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DONATION TO THE SOLEDAD HIGH SCHOOL JROTC DRILL TEAM

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DEPARTMENT OF RECTIONS AND REHABILITATION CDC-128 B

NAME and NUMBER

BOSTON, A.

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This AVP mini-workshop centered around the theme "STEREOTYPING AND RACISM".

I observed thirty-four (34) participants of a 2-hour Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) follow-up class held Monday, June 25, 2007. I received numerous comments from the participants that this workshop was beneficial. I viewed the men interacting with all ethnicities. Each enthusiastically engaged in all exercises together, which were provided by Linda McCue (an\_accredited AVP facilitator from the community). Mr. BOSTON is to be commended for his continued commitment to this valuable program. The exercises in this workshop were focused on understanding one's own stereotypes, those of others, and in just how many people of so many diverse backgrounds truly have in common.

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Associate Warden's Secretary

**Correctional Training Facility** 

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Associate Warden (A)

Correctional Training Facility

DATE 07/24/07

Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP)

LAUDATORY CHRONO

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION CDC-128 B

NAME and NUMBER

BOSTON, A.

D03868

EW236L

This AVP mini-workshop centered around the theme "SELF ESTEEM".

I observed twenty (20) participants of a 2-hour Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) follow-up class held Monday, April 09, 2007. I received numerous comments from the participants that this workshop was beneficial. I viewed the men interacting with all ethnicities. Each enthusiastically engaged in all exercises together, which were provided by Robin Keeler (an accredited AVP facilitator from the community). Mr. BOSTON is to be commended for his continued commitment to this valuable program. The exercises in this workshop were focused on building one's own self esteem and assisting other's in elevating their own through positive affirmations.

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Inmate

Associate Warden's Secretary

Correctional Training Facility

Associate Warden (A)

Correctional Training Facility

DATE 04/10/07

Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP)

LAUDATORY CHRONO





DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS CDC-128-B [Rev.4/74]

NAME and NUMBER

BOSTON, A.

D03868

EW-236U

Mr. BOSTON, A. is to be commended for his voluntary participation, for his individual contribution to promoting a peaceful non-violent programming environment and for his continued interest in the Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) program at the Correctional Training Facility. Mr. BOSTON, A. was an interactive participant, exuding high energy and enthusiasm during a 2-hour AVP mini workshop conducted by two outside facilitators and nine inside facilitators on 9/25/2006. Mr. BOSTON, A. joined members from a variety of several different AVP workshops as a follow-up to the AVP Basic workshop he attended earlier this year. The AVP/USA program is an international non-sectartian group of dedicated volunteers from diverse national origins, races, and religious affiliations. The workshops teach principles of affirmation, communication, cooperation, developing tools for stress and anger management, community building and creative conflict resolution essential in the exploration of the many nonviolent solutions that are possible in almost every conflict - particularly when approached with a caring attitude toward others.

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cc: Staff Sponsor

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DATE 9/28/2006

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Associate Warden (A)
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**GENERAL CHRONO** 

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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NAME and NUMBER

BOSTON, A.

D03868

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I observed thirty-five (35) participants of a 2-hour Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) follow-up class held Monday, October 16, 2006. I viewed the men interacting with all ethnicities. Each enthusiastically engaged in all exercises together, which were provided by Mimi and Alan Edgar (accredited AVP facilitators from the community). Mr. BOSTON is to be commended for his voluntary participation within the group, for his individual contribution to promoting a peaceful non-violent programming environment and for his continued interest in the AVP program. There were no bystanders — and each participant looks forward to this experience. Mr. BOSTON was an interactive participant, radiating positive energy and exuberance. The AVP/USA program will change your life daily as different or difficult situations arise. AVP's goals are to educate and publicize the transformations that can happen as a result of the workshops in which all participants are actively involved.

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Associate Warden's Secretary

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Associate Warden (A)

Correctional Training Facility

DATE 10/22/06

Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP)

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NAME and NUMBER BOSTON, A. D03868

EW-23611

Inmate BOSTON, A was a voluntary participant in the Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) Basic Workshop, conducted from 06-06-06 to 06-08-06. The AVP program is an internationally recognized program designed to empower people to lead nonviolent lives through affirmation, respect for all, community building, cooperation and trust. AVP is founded in and developed from the real life experiences of prisoners, and others, and building a spiritual base. AVP encourages every person's innate power to positively transform themselves and the world. The Basic Workshop is led by national and international facilitators, in conjunction with inmate facilitators from the prison's general population who have successfully completed training and certification by AVP/USA. The Basic Workshop consisted of three days of included principles of cooperation with coworkers, developing listening skills, promoting communication skills, and developing tools for stress and anger management. The intent of the workshop is to develop comprehensive alternatives to violent situations, evolving non-violent solutions, which reflect a caring attitude towards each individual participant and others. Inmate BOSTON, A is to be commended for his successful participation and completion of the AVP Workshop and his individual contribution to promoting a peaceful, non-violent programming environment at the Correctional

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W. J. HILL

Associate Warden
Correctional Training Facility

DATE 7/19/06

Laudatory Chrono for Alternatives to Violence Program Participation

**GENERAL CHRONO** 

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION
CDC-128 B

NAME and NUMBER BOSTON, A.

CDC #D03868

HOUSING

EW-236U

Inmate BOSTON is a current member of the Central Facility Men's Advisory Council and was elected by his peers to the position of Chairman of their Executive Body. In that capacity he has served me as the Warden and as a leader for the MAC General Council. As a member of the Executive Body, I have called upon him to represent the Council and provide the population with a voice in administrative deliberations and decisions affecting the welfare and best interests of the inmates in Central Facility. He has supported me as a positive role model for his peers and by encouraging responsible behavior in interactions between staff and inmates alike. He has promoted the effective communication of my administrative concerns and the explanation of the nature and reasons for administrative actions with the inmate population. He has engaged in an enthusiastic dialogue with my administrative staff and encouraged his peers in conflict resolution through the utilization of appropriate channels to address inmate issues. Inmate BOSTON has served as the Chairman of the MAC Executive Body throughout my two-year term as Warden of the Correctional Training Facility. I take this opportunity to commend him for his actions on the behalf of Central Facility inmates, his responsible behavior and his persistent advocacy for promotion of a positive, non-violent programming environment.

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Inmate

A. P. KANE

Warden

Correctional Training Facility

DATE 05-22-06 LAUDATORY CHRONO FOR MEN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL PARTICIPATION GENERAL CHRONO

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NAME and NUMBER: BOSTON

D-03868

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CDC-1281

Inmate BOSTON participated in the LEGAL SERVICES FOR PRISONERS WITH CHILDREN SEMINAR held at CTF-Central on June 15, 2005. L.S.P.C. staff attorney Cassie M. Pierson provided an informative 2 hour seminar discussing the services provided by L.S.P.C. and various topics of interest on the parental rights of prisoners. Attorney Pierson provided a lengthy question and answer session, addressing in detail the specific legal and social concerns of the inmates in attendance. Attorney Pierson also placed special emphasis on the importance of maintaining a healthy relationship with ones children and family, as well as the community, as an integral component in the successful rehabilitation of prisoners with children. Inmate BOSTON'S interest, participation and action in expanding his knowledge of parental rights is to be commended.

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CTF-Central Facility

DATE 06-15-2005

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Inmate BOSTON, D03868, SB306L, is an active member in the Men's Advisory Council and has participated in the 2001, Annual Correctional Training Facility Christmas / Holiday Festival. This Annual event helps to bridge the gap between inmates and their families during the holiday season, keeping with the Department of Corrections Mandates, where specifically, "The value of visiting as a means to establish and maintain meaningful family and community relationships is recognized and encouraged." This year approximately \$5,000.00 in inmate donations were raised and spent on toys and games for the children participating in this annual event. Inmate BOSTON assisted with the fundraising, coordination, development and production of this event and should be commended for his positive enthusiasm and professionalism in making this program a complete success.

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D-03868

Inmate BOSTON, D-03868, EW-306U is an active member of the MAC. The MAC is a voluntary Self Help Group that allows open two way communication between Offenders and Victims of Crime. This program allows the involved inmates th opportunity to gain insight and empathy as to the effects of Crime on it's victims. Inmate BOSTON has participated in the 200 Annual Correctional Training Facility Children's Holiday Festival as the Coordinator. This annual event helps to bridge the ga between inmates and their families during the holiday season, keeping with Department of Corrections Mandates, wher specifically. The value of visiting as a means to establish and maintain meaningful family and community relationships i recognized and encouraged." This year approximately \$1700 in inmate donations were raised and spent on toys and games for the Children participating in this annual event, lumate BOSTON assisted with the fundraising, coordination, development and production of this event and should be commended for his positive enthusiasm, and professionalism in making this program;

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA

NAME and NUMBER

BOSTON, A

D03868

Inmate BOSTON, A, D03868, RB306L, has been an active member of the IMPACT Program during the Fall & Winter sessions. IMPACT is a 14-week series of classes focusing on the impact of crime on the individual. community and society, helping inmates to understand the ripple effect of their criminal behavior. Approximately 30 inmates are enrolled in each session. Each week, different topics are discussed, such as child abuse, domestic violence, sexual assault, murder, and robbery. Videos are shown, lectures are given by outside guest speakers, and presentations are made by Steering Committee members. IMPACT is a voluntary program of self-help, which offer: its participants opportunity to gain insight and empathy for the victims of crime Inmate BOSTON, Ahas presented a positive attitude and has actively participated in the Fall/Winter 2002 session. He is to be commended for his contributions and involvement in the IMPACT program.

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During my assignment to the CSATF/SP, Facility "D" Housing Unit # 2 as Floor Officer # 2, I have had many occasions to interact with Inmate BOSTON, D-03868. BOSTON is a member of the Facility "D" IAC Executive Body (Secretary), and in this capacity, BOSTON has always demonstrated a willingness to assist in resolving any problems that arose within Housing Unit 2. BOSTON was always professional and respectful in his interactions with staff and inmates. BOSTON always sought to view and resolve issues with as much of an unbias and neutral perspective as was possible under the circumstances. His cooperation in resolving Housing Unit problems, assisted in maintaining the daily programming of the Unit. Bosron is to be commended for his conduct, and demeanor as denoted in the aforementioned

cc: CC-I Writer Inmate

R. GALINDO, Correctional Officer CSATF/SP, Facility "D"

DATE 11-8-00

(LAUDATORY CHRONO)

GENERAL CHRONO

NAME and NUMBER BOSTON, A.

D-03868

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As the CSATF, Facility "D" IAC Coordinator, I have had occasion to interact with inmate BOSTON, D-03868, who was assigned as the Facility "D" Captain's Clerk and also held the CDC-128-B (Rev. 4. position of the IAC Executive Body Secretary. In the capacity of IAC Secretary, inmate BOSTON, displayed excellent communication skills, and maintained a responsible attitude and demeanor in his interactions with both staff and inmates. BOSTON always displayed an eagerness to assist in rectifying issues-conflicts-and/or problems on Facility "D". As the Captain's clerk, BOSTON was always receptive towards handling and efficiently completing any and all tasks assigned. BOSTON has proven to be an asset on Facility "D" and is to be

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Correctional Lieutenant CSATF, Facility "D"

DATE 11-7-00

(LAUDATORY CHRONO)

GENERAL CHRONO

NAME and NUMBER A. BOSTON,

D-03868,

CDC-128-8 (Rev. 4/74

Inmate BOSTON, D-03868, is to be commended for his work skills, and participation in the Facility "D" IAC. BOSTON is assigned as the Facility "D" Captain Clerk, and also is a member of the Executive Body of the IAC (Secretary). BOSTON has always been willing to work and perform his assigned duties up to and beyond expected levels (including working overtime if necessary). As the IAC Secretary, BOSTON cooperated in assisting both the general population and administration alike in addressing concerns/issues. His cooperation proved an asset in assisting to maintain the daily and orderly functioning of Facility "D", conflict resolution. He is to be commended for the above mentioned.

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Inmate

DATE 11-6-00 (LAUDATORY CHRONO)

Correctional Lieutenant CSATF, Pacility "D"

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This chrono is being ger ted to commend Inmate Bosto D-03868, for his exemplar conduct/behavior while at CAMF. While being assigned as the Facility "D" Captain's Clerk Boston, also maintained on a voluntary basis the position of Inmate Advisory Counci. Secretary. In both capacities, Boston exhibited excellent communication skills, and was always willing to cooperate in a liaison capacity for conflict resolution in matters between inmates and staff. Boston always displayed a professional and courteous demeanor in his dealing with, both staff and inmates alike. Inmate Boston is to be commended for his conduct

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Correctional Sergeant

CSTAF, Facility "D"

DATE 11-4-00

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**GENERAL CHRONO** 

NAME and NUMBER BOSTON, A.

0-03868,

FDB2T2-213L

CDC-128-B (Rev. 4/7

During my assignment as the CSATF Facility "D" Housing Unit 2 Control Booth Officer, I have observed inmate BOSTON, D-03868, FDB2T2-213L, to exhibit a very courteous and cooperative attitude. Inmate BOSTON is a member of the Facility "D" IAC (position- Secretary). At times when conflict management/resolution was necessary, Immate BOSTON was always willing to assist in attempting to resolve matters. As an IAC member, BOSTON always rose to the occasion where IAC involvement was appropriate. BOSTON has always displayed a courteous, professional and helpful attitude in his dealings with both inmates and staff alike in Housing Unit # 2. Inmate BOSTON is to be commended for his conduct and helpful demeanor.

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Writer

Inmate

DATE 11-1-00

Correctional Officer CSATF, Facility "D"

P.L. THOMPSON.

(LAUDATORY CHRONO)

**GENERAL CHRONO** 

NAME and NUMBER BOSTON

D-03868

C3-217U

This chrono is to commend Inmate BOSTON, D-03868, C3-2170 on his exceptional work skills as a Teacher's Aide. During his terure of assignment as a Teacher's Aide in the ABE-II Class I/M BOSTON exhibited a very positive attitude and motivated work skills. BOSTON displayed a very respectful and courteous attitude towards both staff and inmates alike. BOSTON was always eager to assist students whenever they required such, and applied him overall in the class wherever he was needed. BOSTON proved himself instrumental to the orderly and daily functioning of the ABE-II Class, and is to be commended for his exceptional work skills.

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ME\_II, Instructor

CSP/LAC, Facility "C" Education

DATE AUGUST 6, 1996

(LAUDATORY CHRONO)

**GENERAL CHRONO** 

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This chrono is to commend Inmate BOSTON, D-03868, 3A-102L, for his positive programming, and excellent work skills. Inmate BOSTON has always displayed a most courteous disposition towards staff and other inmates. His work skills have demonstrated his standard of dilligence, and dedication to always do the best that he possibly could to skillfully complete any task. He has maintained a positive program, and only engaged in activity which could enhance his positi programming potential. Inmate BOSTON, is an exceptional worker, and a responsible inmate who continously goes above and beyond the call of duty to apply himself and maintain a positic program.

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cc: Program Administrator
Correctional Counselor-I
Inmate

Correctional Officer CCI/IVB, Third Watch

DATE 7-30-93

(LAUDATORY CHRONO)

**GENERAL CHRONO** 

NAME and NUMBER BOSTON

D-03868

3A~102L

During Inmate BOSTON's tenure as the IVB Clinic Clerk, I observed him to exhibit excellent work habits. BOSTON remained ever ready, and always willing to assist in whatever capacity required to ensure the smooth daily operation of the IVB Clinic. He was always polite and courteous to both staff and inmates alike. His work skills have demonstrated his standard of dilligence and dedication to skillfully complete any task assigned in the most efficient manner possible. Inmate BOSTON is an excellent worker and is to be commended for both his work skills and helpful attitude.

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cc: Program Administrator Correctional COunselor-I

Inmate

B. Mage

M.f.A.

CCI/IVB, Third Watch

CDC-128-B (REV. 3/97)

NAME: BOSTON

CDC#: D03868

HOUSING:

A-1 103U

The Above named inmate has successfully completed the Substance Abuse Program at Ironwood State prison. The SAP program consisted of 309 hours of instruction in ANGER MANAGEMENT, PARENTING, STRESS MANAGEMENT & SUBSTANCE ABUSE. The above inmate is commended for his interest and conduct throughout this program.

Kenya Williams, SAP Instructor (AI)

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DATE: 9/30/98

INFORMATIONAL CHRONO

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NAME AND NUMBER BOSTON

D03868

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Inmate BOSTON, CDC# 003868, completed the TABE Test, Level A7, with a reading score of 12.0. Based on this score. he should be placed on the ABE III/GED or Vocation class waiting list.

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Date Tested 3/8/00

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D-03868

lile assigned to the CCI/IVB Facility, I have had the occasion to work various positions nich have all placed me in contact with I/M BOSTON, D-03868. I/M BOSTON has always presented courteous attitude towards staff and inmates alike. His work habits were always exceptional, nd whenever approached with a task he would dilligently apply himself to ensure the atisfactory completion of that task. He has continuously maintained a positive, and managed o avoid potential problems which might interfere with his otherwise excellent programming. /M BOSTON should be commended for maintaining an excellent program here at CCI/IVB, and ontinuing to conduct himself in a most responsible manner.

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cc: Program Administrator Correctional Counselor-I

Inmate

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CCI/IVB

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(LAUDATORY CHRONO)

**GENERAL CHRONO** 

NAME and NUMBER BOSTON

D-03868

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CDC-128-8 (Rev.

Inmate BOSTON, D-03868, 3A-102L, worked in the IVB Medical Clinic as the Clinic Clerk from May of 1992, to January of 1993. During his nine (09) month tenure as the Clinic Clerk, his work habits were excellent. He was consistently accurate, neat, and punctual. Additionally, he was always will: to do whatever was required of him; whether related to his "job description' or not.

Mr. BOSTON, was always courteous to both Staff, and fellow inmate workers alike. He was an asset to the IVB Clinic.

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cc: Program Administrator Correctional Counselor-I

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During the Annual T.B. Skin the seconducted here at CCI/IVB, It to BOSTON, D-03868, provided the IVB Medical/Clinic Department with essential assistance in entering that these test procedu were conducted as effectively and expeditiously as possible. His assistance consisted of typing and preparing any necessary documents/paperworks as instructed. His work conduct was good, and he was always helpful with any tasks (job related or otherwise). He is to be commended for his willingness to assist, helpfulness, artitude, and courteous demeanor to staff and fellow inmates:

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cc: Program Administrator

Correctional Counselor-I

Inmate CCI/IVB, Medical Department

T.B. Coordinator

DATE 8-20-93

(LAUDATORY CHRONO)

**GENERAL CHRONO** 

NAME and NUMBER BOSTON

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This document is to commend Immate BOSTON, on his willingness to assist whenever required. Whil assigned as the IVB Visiting Officer, it sometimes became necessary to have documents, memos, a etc., typed in order to continue efficiently maintaining the smooth operation of the Visiting Program. Inmate BOSTON was always helpful and willing to offer his assistance to ensure the smooth operation of Visiting. His attitude was always respectful, and he continously maintained polite and courteous demeanor towards both staff and immates. Whenever approached with a task (whether job related or not) BOSTON would always accept the task and complete it in a most expeditious manner. Inmate BOSTON is to be commended for his cooperation, attitude and willingness to apply himself wherever needed in a most effective manner.

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Inmate

DATE 8-22-93

(LAUDATORY CHRONO)

Correctional Officer

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**GENERAL CHRONO** 

NAME and NUMBER BOSTON

D-03868

3A-102L

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During my tenure assigned as the IVB Clinic Control Office: (post. no. 525308), Inmate BOSTON, D-03868, 3A-102L was assigned as the IVB Clinic Clerk, and later the 2ND Watch Custody Clerk. Inmate BOSTON exhibited behavior and conduct which was above average. His work habits were exceptional, and he was always willing to extend an extra effort to ensure the smooth operation of whatever department he was assigned. BOSTON has always displayed a courteous demeanor toward: both staff and inmates alike, while maintaining a consistently helpful attitude towards all matters whether job related or not. He is to be commended for his good work, attitude, and motivation to apply himself appropriately and adequately in all assigned tasks.

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8	This Addendum to the Supplemental Writ of Habeas Corpus only adds section C to the			
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#### I. STATEMENT OF FACTS

Andre Dupree Boston (Boston) was found guilty of one count of burglary, one count of lewdness with a minor with the use of a deadly weapon, one count of assault with a deadly weapon, one count of battery with the intent to commit a crime with the use of a deadly weapon, one count of first-degree kidnaping with the use of a deadly weapon, six counts of sexual assault with the use of a deadly weapon, one count of robbery with the use of a deadly weapon and one count of attempting to dissuade a victim from reporting a crime with the use of a deadly weapon by a jury on September 15, 1988. A judgment of conviction was filed on November 7, 1988 and was sentenced to serve fourteen consecutive terms of life with the possibility of parole and consecutive terms totaling 92 years. On November 1, 1988 Boston filed an appeal which was dismissed by the Nevada Supreme Court on November 29, 1988. Boston then filed a Petition for Post Conviction Relief on October 22, 1990 which was denied by the District Court on December 18, 1990. Following an appeal of that decision the Nevada Supreme Court remanded the matter for an evidentiary hearing. Ultimately that petition was dismissed.

Boston filed a petition for post-conviction relief in proper person on January 5, 2011. This Court dismissed the petition on March 23, 2011. This dismissal was appealed by Boston on April 19, 2011 and the Nevada Supreme Court issued an order affirming in part and reversing in part remanding the issue related to <u>Graham v. Florida</u>. This writ is in response to the order remanding.

#### III. LEGAL ARGUMENT

# A. THE SENTENCE IMPOSED IN THE JUDGMENT OF CONVICTION IS CONSTITUTIONALLY INVALID UNDER THE EIGHTH AMENDMENTS GUARANTEE OF PROTECTION FROM CRUEL AND UNUSUAL PUNISHMENT.

"The Constitution prohibits the imposition of a life without parole sentence on a juvenile offender who did not commit homicide. A State need not guarantee the offender eventual release, but if it imposes a sentence of life it must provide him or her some realistic opportunity to obtain release before the end of that term." <u>Graham v. Florida</u>, 130 S. Ct. 2011, 2034, 176 L. Ed. 2d 825, 850 (2010). The Eighth Amendment forbids States from making the judgment at sentencing that minor offenders

will never be fit to reenter society. <u>Id</u>. at 2030, 846. The Nevada Supreme Court in its order for remand recognized that the issues presented below regarding the functional equivalent of life without parole are "complex and novel". *See* Supreme Court Order attached hereto as Exhibit "1". Fortunately, California has just recently dealt with this exact issue in <u>People v. Caballero</u>, 55 Cal. 4<sup>th</sup> 262 (2012). The California Supreme Court was left to determine whether a 110-year-to-life sentence imposed on a juvenile convicted of nonhomicide offenses contravened Graham's mandate against cruel and unusual punishment under the Eighth Amendment; to which they concluded it did. "The gist of Graham is not only that life sentences for juveniles are unusual as a statistical matter, they are cruel as well because 'developments in psychology and brain science continue to show fundamental differences between juvenile and adult minds." (<u>Caballero</u>, 55 Cal. 4<sup>th</sup> at \_\_\_\_, concurring opinion, citing <u>Graham</u>, supra, 560 U.S. at p. \_\_\_\_[130 S.Ct. at p. 2026]).

Graham provides that "a juvenile offender who did not kill or intend to kill has a twice diminished moral culpability. Age and the nature of the crime each bear on the analysis. As for the punishment, life without parole is 'the second most severe penalty permitted by law,' Harmelin v. Michigan, 501 U.S. 957, 1001, 111 S.Ct. 2680, 115 L.Ed.2d 836, and is especially harsh for a juvenile offender, who will on average serve more years and a greater percentage of his life in prison than an adult offender, see, e.g., Roper v. Simmons (2005),543 U.S. 551, at 572, 125 S.Ct. 1183. The United States Supreme Court has relied on studies showing "developments in psychology and brain science continue to show fundamental differences between juvenile and adult minds. For example, parts of the brain involved in behavior control continue to mature through late adolescence. Juveniles are [also] more capable of change than are adults, and their actions are less likely to be evidence of 'irretrievably depraved character' than are the actions of adults." (Graham, 560 U.S. at p. \_\_\_[130 S.Ct. at p. 2026], quoting Roper v. Simmons (2005),543 U.S. 551.) And none of the legitimate goals of penal sanctions—retribution, deterrence, incapacitation, and rehabilitation, see Ewing v. California, 538 U.S. 11, 25, 123 S.Ct. 1179, 155 L.Ed.2d 108—is adequate to justify life without parole for juvenile nonhomicide offenders, see, e.g., Roper, 543 U.S., at 571, 573, 125 S.Ct. 1183." Graham, 130 S.Ct.

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The Nevada Supreme Court calculated how long Boston would have to serve before he is eligible for parole in footnote 7 of the order remanding the issue to this Court: "In the instant case, it appears that appellant would have to serve a minimum of approximately 100 years before he will be eligible for parole. 1977 Nev. Stat., ch. 598, § 1, at 1626 (NRS 200.366(2)(b)); 1973 Nev. Stat., ch 798, § 6, at 1804-05 (NRS 200.320(2)); 1981 Nev. Stat., ch. 780, § 1, at 2050.(NRS 193.165); MRS 209.446(6); NRS 213.120(1)." Id. Using the Nevada Supreme Courts calculation Boston would be eligible for parol when he is 121 years of age. The 10 year average for the mean dying age of inmates at the Nevada Department of Corrections (NDOC) is 54.7 years of age. See Nevada Department of Correction Fiscal Year 2010 Statistical Abstract, page 70, attached hereto as Exhibit "2". Based on the statistics provided by NDOC, Boston would not be eligible for parole until 66 years after he is expected to die. An evidentiary hearing is necessary to allow the NDOC to provide the person most knowledgeable regarding the statistics of inmate deaths and what the life expectancy is of someone similar to Boston. However, Boston asserts that it is within this Courts discretion to take judicial notice that 121 years of age is well beyond any measure of current life expectancy.

The United States Supreme Court extended <u>Graham's</u> reasoning in <u>Miller</u> and "made it clear that Graham's "flat ban" on life without parole sentences for juvenile offenders in nonhomicide cases applies to their sentencing equation regardless of intent in the crime's commission, or how a sentencing court structures the life without parole sentence." <u>Caballero</u>, 55 Cal. 4th 262, \_\_\_\_, citing <u>Miller</u>, 132 S.Ct. 2465, 2469. The <u>Caballero</u> Court determined "<u>Graham's</u> reasoning implicates any life-without-parole sentence imposed on a juvenile, even as its categorical bar relates only to nonhomicide offenses." <u>Caballero</u>, 55 Cal. 4th 262, \_\_\_\_(2012), citing <u>Miller</u>, 567 U.S. \_\_\_\_ [132 S.Ct. at p. 2465]. <u>Miller</u> therefore made it clear that <u>Graham's</u> "flat ban" on life without parole sentences applies to all nonhomicide cases involving juvenile offenders, including the term-of-years sentence that amounts to the *functional equivalent* of a life without parole sentence imposed in this case. <u>People v. Caballero</u>, 55 Cal. 4th 262, (2012)(emphasis added).

 The sentence imposed in the judgment of conviction is the functional equivalent of life without parole because Boston will not be eligible for parole until long after he is expected to die. In fact double the mean age. Under Graham, the State is required to impose a sentence that has some realistic expectation or opportunity to obtain release before the end of the term. Graham, 130 S.Ct. 2011 at 2034. Even if you consider the top end (outlier) of the range regarding years of age from the 2009 NDOC Statistical Abstract 73 years of age was the oldest inmate to die in 2009; Boston would expect to be dead for 48 years before he is eligible for parole. See Nevada Department of Correction Fiscal Year 2009 Statistical Abstract, page 42 attached hereto as Exhibit "3". Even using the United States Census Bureau life expectancy table for black males as a whole in the United States, Boston's Life expectancy is 70.9 years. See Life Expectancy Tables 104 and 105 attached hereto as Exhibit "4". There is no reasonable calculation available under the facts set out above that provides the opportunity of parole or release before Boston is expected to die.

Boston was sentenced to 14 terms of life with the possibility of parole each to be served consecutive to each other consecutive to an additional 92 years with that to be served consecutive to a sentence in California. It is clear that the Court's intention was to ensure Boston remained imprisoned for his natural life. A State...must impose a sentence that provides some meaningful opportunity for release based on demonstrated maturity and rehabilitation. Graham, 130 S. Ct. 2011 at 2017. Boston is exactly who the U.S. Supreme Court was considering by this statement. Boston has earned his GED, multiple college degrees, several certificates from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, 20 plus Certificates of Appreciation/Achievement, and a plethora of Accolades and Laudatory Documentation from Wardens and Staff. See Degrees, Diplomas, Certificates, Transcripts, Accolades, and Laudatory Documentation attached hereto as Exhibit "5". It is not very often that a Court is given the opportunity of hindsight in sentencing or re-sentencing, but Graham has afforded Boston and this Court that unique opportunity. This situation allows this Court to see and consider how rehabilitated Boston is after serving close to 30 years when reconsidering his sentence.

Despite his rehabilitation there is a complication regarding the time he has left to serve.

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Unfortunately it appears as though Boston will only reach the average 10 year median age of death (54.7 years old) with a little luck. Boston has been diagnosed with Stage III Sarcoidosis which has damaged his lungs, kidneys, larynx and sinus region. Boston's lungs only operate at 50% capacity and he requires the use of an oxygen machine at times. Fortunately it is currently in remission but could flair at any given time.

In order to comport with the Eighth Amendment and <u>Graham</u>, Boston must receive a new sentence that gives him a realistic opportunity for release.

#### B. AN EVIDENTIARY HEARING IS NECESSARY TO ASSIST THIS COURT

An evidentiary hearing is needed to calculate the life expectancy of a prisoner sentenced to term of years constituting a de facto life without sentence. The hearing should also address the Nevada Parole rates for crimes similar to those that Boston was convicted of. Without these two pieces of information, it is impossible for the Court to define "realistic opportunity for release." It is believed such information can be obtained through the testimony of employees from the Nevada Department of Corrections.

An evidentiary hearing is also needed to present evidence of mitigating factors that reduce the culpability of Boston. Such evidence is necessary to apply the reasoning of the decision in <u>Graham</u> and <u>Roper</u>. <u>Roper</u> addresses scientific studies regarding juveniles, their development and ultimate culpability. The <u>Caballero</u> Court gives some direction for what to do in the situation we face when previous sentences run afoul of <u>Graham</u>.

Defendants who were sentenced for crimes they committed as juveniles who seek to modify life without parole or equivalent defacto sentences already imposed may file petitions for a writ of habeas corpus in the trial court in order to allow the court to weigh the mitigating evidence in determining the extent of incarceration required before parole hearings. Because every case will be different, we will not provide trial courts with a precise time frame for setting these future parole hearings in a nonhomicide case. However, the sentence must not violate the defendant's Eighth Amendment rights and must provide him or her a "meaningful opportunity to obtain release based on demonstrated maturity and rehabilitation" under Graham's mandate.

Caballero, 55 Cal. 4<sup>th</sup> 262, \_\_\_\_ (2012). When Boston is re-sentenced, the Court must use these mitigating factors in the proceeding, thus correcting the failure of the Eighth Judicial District Court to do so at Boston's original sentencing.

# C. THE STATE HAS NOT BEEN PREJUDICED UNDER ITS NRS 34.800(2) AND NRS 34.726 CLAIMS

The State has claimed a presumption of prejudice under NRS 34.800(2). This is a rebuttable presumption and Defendant offers that the State is not prejudiced. First and foremost the post conviction relief sought here does not attack the veracity of the facts or the jury verdict. Even so the State has available the record established at trial and all post conviction work. Despite the State's claims that this is "ancient history" they appear to have a firm grasp of the case as evidenced in Statement of the Case section of the State's Response and Motion to Dismiss that was filed on March 4, 2011. The Petitioner does not seek any relief that is outside that which is contemplated in <u>Graham</u> and <u>Caballero</u>. Second, any prejudice to the State is far outweighed by that experienced by Petitioner currently serving a sentence that is likely considered cruel and unusual punishment under the Eighth Amendment.

Pursuant to <u>Lozada v. State</u>, 110 Nev. 349 (1994) laches should not apply. In <u>Lozada</u>, the Court addressed concerns regarding procedural defaults and required prejudice in addition to ineffective assistance of counsel issues.

The required showing of prejudice to establish a claim of ineffective assistance of counsel is separate and distinct from the showing of prejudice required to overcome a procedural default. The legislature requires a showing of prejudice to excuse procedural defaults to prevent the filing of successive petitions and to avoid abuse of post-conviction remedies. In addition, requiring prejudice to excuse the filing of untimely petitions helps to ensure that claims are raised before evidence is lost or memories fade. Without such limitations on the availability of post-conviction remedies, prisoners could petition for relief in perpetuity and thus abuse post conviction remedies. In addition, merit less, successive and un-timely petitions clog the court system and undermine the finality of convictions. A showing of prejudice is thus essential to prevent the filing of successive and merit less petitions for post-conviction relief.

Id. at 358.

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The instant petition is clearly not an attempt to abuse post-conviction remedies or to clog the court system as contemplated in <u>Lozada</u> as shown by the good cause explained below.

In addition to the NRS 34.800(2) argument the State also argues the petition is time barred pursuant to NRS 34.726; this is simply not the case. Any delay in filing this petition is a result of a new rule of constitutional law after the <u>Graham</u> case. This delay is excused by cause and prejudice. Specifically, the delay is attributable to a change in a substantive rule of law announced by the United States Supreme Court on May 17, 2010 and modified on July 6, 2010. <u>Graham v. Florida</u>, supra. The grounds raised in this petition were unavailable to Boston prior to the Supreme Court's decision. Boston can also demonstrate good cause and prejudice to overcome any procedural default as a result of the sentences he received and their clear violations of the Eighth and Fourteenth Amendment prohibitions against cruel and unusual punishments. Boston can therefore demonstrate that the failure to consider the claims presented in this petition on the merits would constitute a fundamental miscarriage of justice, which is sufficient to overcome any purported procedural default.

WHEREFORE, petitioner respectfully submits that the current sentence is in violation of the Eighth Amendment and not consistent with <u>Graham</u>. Based on the foregoing facts and legal arguments, Petitioner Andre Dupree Boston respectfully requests that this Honorable Court conduct an evidentiary hearing and apply the appropriate sentence.

DATED this 18 day of December, 2012.

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I hereby certify that on the day of December, 2012, service of the foregoing ADDENDUM TO PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS (POST-CONVICTION) was made this date by depositing a true copy of the same for mailing, first class mail, at Las Vegas, Nevada addressed as follows:

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#### POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

#### STATEMENT OF THE CASE

On August 2, 1988, an Information was filed charging Andre Dupree Boston ("Defendant"), as follows: Count 1: Burglary; Count 2: Lewdness with a minor with use of a deadly weapon; Count 4: Assault with a deadly weapon; Count 5: Battery with intent to commit a crime with use of a deadly weapon; Count 5: First degree kidnapping with use of a deadly weapon; Counts 6-12: Sexual assault with use of a deadly weapon; Count 13: Robbery with use of a deadly weapon; Count 14: Attempt dissuade victim or witness from reporting a crime with use of a deadly weapon.

A jury trial commenced on September 12, 1988. On September 15, 1988, the jury returned verdicts of guilty for counts 1-8, 10-14 as charged in the Information.

On October 20, 1988, Defendant was adjudged guilty of the offenses contained in the Information and sentenced to imprisonment in the Nevada Department of Corrections as follows: Count 1: Ten (10) years; Count 2: Ten (10) years, plus a consecutive sentence of ten (10) years for use of a deadly weapon, sentence to run consecutive to count 1; Count 3: Six (6) years, sentence to run consecutive to count 2; Count 4: Ten (10) years, plus a consecutive sentence of ten (10) years for use of a deadly weapon, sentence to run to count 3: Count 5: Life, plus a consecutive sentence of life for use of a deadly weapon, sentence to run consecutive to count 4; Count 6: Life, plus a consecutive sentence of life for use of a deadly weapon, sentence to run consecutive to count 5; Count 7: Life, plus a consecutive sentence of life for use of a deadly weapon, sentence to run consecutive to count 6; Count 8: Life, plus a consecutive sentence of life for use of a deadly weapon, sentence to run consecutive to count 7; Count 10: Life, plus a consecutive sentence of life for use of a deadly weapon, sentence to run consecutive to count 8; Count 11: Life, plus a consecutive sentence of life for use of a deadly weapon, sentence to run consecutive to count 10; Count 12: Life, plus a consecutive sentence of life for use of a deadly weapon, sentence to run consecutive to count 11; Count 13: Fifteen (15) years, plus a consecutive sentence of fifteen (15) years for use of a deadly weapon, sentence to run consecutive to count 12; Count 14: Three (3) years, plus a

consecutive sentence of three (3) years for use of a deadly weapon, sentence to run consecutive to count 13, with no credit for time served. A Judgment of Conviction was filed on November 7, 1988.

Defendant filed a Notice of Appeal on November 1, 1988 (no. 19607). On October 24, 1989, after having reviewed Defendant's claims and finding them without merit the Nevada Supreme Court filed an Order dismissing Defendant's appeal. Remittitur issued on November 14, 1989.

On October 22, 1990, Defendant filed a Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus. The State filed a Response on November 28, 1990. On December 14, 1990, the district court denied Defendant's Petition. A Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order and a Notice of Entry of Order were filed on December 18, 1990.

Defendant filed a Notice of Appeal from the denial of his first Petition on January 11, 1991 (no. 21871). On September 30, 1991, the Nevada Supreme Court issued an order remanding the case for an evidentiary hearing as to whether Defendant received ineffective assistance of counsel because counsel failed to investigate an insanity defense. Remittitur issued on October 22, 1991.

An evidentiary hearing was conducted on September 4, 1992. On October 14, 1993, the district court again denied Defendant's Petition. A Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order was filed on March 18, 1994. A Notice of Entry of Order was filed on March 21, 1994.

Defendant filed a Notice of Appeal from the denial of his Petition on July 25, 1994 (no. 26034). On October 7, 1994, the Nevada Supreme Court filed an Order dismissing Defendant's appeal. Remittitur issued October 26, 1994.

Defendant filed a second Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus on January 5, 2011. The State filed a Response and Motion to Dismiss on March 4, 2011. On March 23, 2011, the district court granted the State's Motion and dismissed Defendant's Petition as untimely, successive and in violation of laches. A Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order was filed on April 22, 2011. A Notice of Entry of Decision and Order was filed on May 31, 2011.

On April 19, 2011, Defendant filed a Notice of Appeal from the dismissal of his second Petition (no. 58216). On February 3, 2012, the Nevada Supreme Court issued an Order reversing the dismissal of Defendant's Petition and remanding the case for appointment of counsel and to determine "whether <u>Graham</u> applies only to a sentence of life without parole or whether <u>Graham</u> applies to a lengthy sentence structure that is the functional equivalent of life without parole." <u>Order Affirming in Part, Reversing in Part and Remanding</u>, February 3, 2012, p. 5. Remittitur issued on February 28, 2012.

On March 21, 2012, counsel was confirmed to represent Defendant in connection with the instant Petition. A Supplemental Petition was filed on November 27, 2012. A Second Supplemental Petition was filed on December 24, 2012. The State's Response follows.

#### **ARGUMENT**

#### DEFENDANT'S SENTENCE DOES NOT CATEGORICALLY VIOLATE THE EIGHTH AMENDMENT OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION.

Defendant contends his sentence violates the Eighth Amendment prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment pursuant to <u>Graham v. Florida</u>, \_\_\_ U.S. \_\_\_, 130 S. Ct. 2011 (2010), because it is the functional equivalent of a sentence of life without parole. In <u>Graham</u>, the United States Supreme Court found that sentencing juveniles to life without the possibility of parole for a nonhomicide crime is categorically cruel and unusual. <u>Graham</u>, 130 S. Ct. at 2030. The Court analogized life without the possibility of parole to the death penalty and, relying on <u>Roper v. Simmons</u>, 543 U.S. 551, 125 S. Ct. 1183 (2005), found such punishment for juveniles categorically in violation of the Eighth Amendment. The Court stated:

[L]ife without parole sentences share some characteristics with death sentences that are shared by *no other sentences*. . . It deprives the convict of the most basic liberties without giving hope for restoration, except perhaps by executive clemency – the remote possibility of which does not mitigate the harshness of the sentence.

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<u>Id.</u> at 2027 (emphasis added). Finding the death penalty and life without the possibility of parole thus uniquely similar, the Court held that juveniles could not be sentenced to life without the possibility of parole for nonhomicide offenses. <u>Id.</u> at 2030. The Court noted, however, that:

[W]hile the Eighth Amendment forbids a State from imposing a life without parole sentence on a juvenile nonhomicide offender, it does not require the State to release that offender during his natural life. Those who commit truly horrifying crimes as juveniles may turn out to be irredeemable, and thus deserving of incarceration for the duration of their lives.

<u>Id.</u> More recently, in <u>Miller v. Alabama</u>, \_\_\_ U.S. \_\_\_, 132 S. Ct. 2455, 2465 (2012), the Court acknowledged that <u>Graham</u>'s categorical ban applied *only* to juveniles being sentenced to life without the possibility of parole for a nonhomicide offense. The <u>Miller</u> Court then extended the reasoning of <u>Graham</u> to hold that mandatory sentences of life without parole for juveniles convicted of homicide offenses also categorically violated the Eighth Amendment.

Defendant was a juvenile at the time he committed the various crimes he was convicted of. He was sentenced to consecutive terms of imprisonment as noted above. Subsequent to <u>Graham</u>, Defendant filed a Petition contending that his sentence violated the Eighth Amendment's prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment. Defendant also requested the appointment of counsel to assist in preparing his Petition. The district court denied Defendant's request for counsel and dismissed Defendant's Petition as procedurally barred. On appeal, the Supreme Court of Nevada reversed the district court's decision and remanded for the appointment of counsel and for the district court to determine "whether <u>Graham</u> applies only to a sentence of life without parole or whether <u>Graham</u> applies to a lengthy sentence structure that is the functional equivalent of life without parole." <u>Order Affirming in Part, Reversing in Part and Remanding</u>, 2/3/2012, p. 5.

<u>Graham</u> does not apply to Defendant's sentence. By its own terms, <u>Graham</u> only prohibits a sentence of life without the possibility of parole for juveniles, and does not preclude any other sentences of incarceration. <u>Graham</u>, 130 S. Ct. at 2030. Furthermore, several federal and state courts, as well as the United States Supreme Court, have held that

Graham is to be narrowly interpreted and that it does not stand for the proposition that lengthy term-of-year sentences for juveniles are unconstitutional. Miller, \_\_\_\_ U.S. at \_\_\_\_, 132 S. Ct. at 2465; Silva v. McDonald, 2012 WL 3656240 (C.D. Cal 2012) (Graham does not prohibit a 40-years-to-life-with-possibility-of-parole sentence); State v. Kasic, 228 Ariz. 228, 232, 265 P.3d 410, 414 (2011) (Graham does not prohibit an aggregate sentence of 139.75 years for a juvenile); see also, Maxety v. Donat, 2012 WL 295632 (D. Nev. 2012) (declining to extend Graham beyond life-without-parole sentences for juveniles convicted of nonhomicide offenses). Here, Defendant has not been sentenced to life without parole for any of the offenses he was convicted of. Thus, by the terms of Defendant's sentence, Defendant is not sentenced to life without the possibility of parole and such sentence does not implicate Graham.

The United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit recently addressed whether <u>Graham</u>'s holding applies to a juvenile who was sentenced to consecutive, fixed terms totaling 89 years imprisonment. <u>Bunch v. Smith</u>, 685 F.3d 546 (2012). In <u>Bunch</u>, the Sixth Circuit clearly decided that <u>Graham</u>'s holding did not apply to consecutive fixed-term sentences:

It is true that Bunch and Graham were both juvenile offenders who did not commit homicide. But while Graham was sentenced to life in prison for committing one nonhomicide offense, Bunch was sentenced to consecutive, fixed-term sentences – the longest of which was 10 years – for committing multiple nonhomicide offenses. In <u>Graham</u>, the Court made it clear that 'the instant case concerns only those juvenile offenders sentenced to life without parole solely for a nonhomicide offense.' The Court stressed that drawing a 'clear line' was 'necessary to prevent the possibility that life without parole sentences will be imposed on juvenile nonhomicide offenders who are not sufficiently culpable to merit that punishment.'...The Court's analysis in <u>Graham supports this conclusion because the analysis did not encompass consecutive, fixed-term sentences</u>.

Id. at 551.

In the present case, just as in <u>Bunch</u>, Defendant's sentence was a consecutive, fixed-term of years to life, not life without the possibility of parole. No language in <u>Graham</u> suggests that the narrow holding would apply to the sentence imposed in the instant case. If

would have stated that the case concerns any juvenile offender who receives the functional equivalent of a life sentence without the possibility of parole for a non-homicide offense or non-homicide offenses. In fact, the most compelling argument indicating that <u>Graham</u> should not be, and was not intended to be, applied to the functional equivalent of a life without parole sentence comes from Justice Alito's dissenting opinion: "Nothing in the Court's opinion affects the imposition of a sentence to a term of years without the possibility of parole. Indeed, petitioner conceded at oral argument that a sentence of as much as 40 years without the possibility of parole 'probably' would be constitutional." <u>Id.</u> at 2058 (Alito, J., dissenting).

the Court had intended to broaden the class of offenders within the scope of its decision, it

Furthermore, the Supreme Court has recognized that it is perfectly legitimate for a juvenile to receive a sentence of life without parole for committing murder. Miller, 132 S. Ct. at 2465. Thus, there is nothing inherently unconstitutional about imposing sentences of life without parole on juvenile offenders. Rather, the constitutionality of such sentences depends on the particular crime or crimes for which they are imposed. Chief Justice Robert's concurrence echoes such. Although the Chief Justice's concurring opinion is not binding, the Chief Justice aptly stated that the Graham holding was unnecessarily broad because the particular conduct and circumstances at issue in the case were not serious enough to justify Graham's sentence. See Graham 130 S Ct. at 2041 (Roberts, J., concurring in judgment). Graham was 16 years old when he committed a burglary and the trial court sentenced him to probation and withheld adjudication of guilt. Id. at 2018. Subsequently, Graham violated his terms of probation and the trial court sentenced him to life in prison for the burglary. Id. Because Florida had abolished its parole system, the life sentence left Graham no possibility of release. Id.

It is apparent why the Supreme Court determined that Graham's sentence violated the Eighth Amendment, considering that a 16-year-old who was sentenced on a burglary (entering a structure with intent) was given no hope or possibility of standing before a parole board. In contrast, Defendant was convicted of entering a home and molesting a child under

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the age of fourteen at knifepoint before she called out for her mother and Defendant escaped. Six weeks later, Defendant kidnapped his first victim's older sister at knife point as she was walking to school and, over the course of several hours, robbed, battered, and repeatedly threatened and sexually assaulted her. Reporter's Transcript, September 12, 1988, pp. 3-9. Accordingly, Graham's sentence for only one felony conviction is a far cry in comparison to Defendant's thirteen felony convictions with deadly weapon enhancements on twelve of those convictions. The fact that Defendant committed multiple sexual assaults, battery, robbery, burglary, kidnapping and lewdness with a child under the age of 14 and did so with the use of a deadly weapon is the basis for his lengthy sentence. Because Graham is both legally and factually inapposite to Defendant's case, this Court should dismiss Defendant's Petition.

Furthermore, this court should decline to extend Graham. Some courts have extended Graham to include term-of-year sentences that stretch beyond the natural-life expectancy of a defendant. See People v. Caballero, 55 Cal. 4th 262, 268-69, 282 P.3d 291, 295 (2012); Thomas v. State, 78 So.3d 644 (Fla. 2012). These courts have reasoned that, although <u>Graham</u> solely examined sentences of life without the possibility of parole, the opinion included language that such sentences did not provide a defendant a "meaningful opportunity" to obtain release from prison prior to death. Graham, 130 S. Ct. at 2030. However, such an extension ignores the fact that the United State Supreme Court has twice had the opportunity to prohibit all sentences for juveniles likely to extend beyond the natural life of a defendant and twice explicitly declined to do so. See Graham, 130 S. Ct. at 2058 (Alito, J., dissenting) ("[T]he Court holds only that 'for a juvenile offender who did not commit homicide the Eighth Amendment forbids the sentence of life without parole."); Miller, 132 S. Ct. at 2469. The United States Supreme Court specifically limited the scope of its decision. The Court defined the class of offenders with which it was dealing thusly: "The instant case concerns only those juvenile offenders sentenced to life without parole solely for a nonhomicide offense." <u>Id.</u> at 2023. The <u>Graham</u> Court thus specifically and repeatedly delineated a singular nonhomicide offense and its holding should not be further extended.

Such an extension also goes beyond the justifications underlying the <u>Graham</u> decision. The Court justified its prohibition of life-without-parole sentences for juvenile nonhomicide offenders based on the similarities between sentences of life without the possibility of parole and the death penalty, similarities unshared by the death penalty and any other punishment. <u>Graham</u>, 130 S. Ct. at 2030. While even lengthy term-of-years sentences provide some hope of being released (however slight), capital punishment and life without the possibility of parole carry the same guarantee that a defendant will never be released from prison.

Additionally, the <u>Graham</u> Court premised its expansion of a new categorical rule on "objective indicia of society's standards, as expressed in legislative enactments and state practice" to determine whether there was a national consensus against sentencing juveniles to life without parole. <u>Id.</u> at 2022-2030. The <u>Graham</u> Court began its analysis of objective indicia by comparing and compiling statistics regarding whether state legislatures have passed laws allowing for the imposition of a sentence of life without parole on a juvenile. The Court then examined "actual sentencing practices in jurisdictions where the sentence in question is permitted by statute" to determine the number of juveniles currently serving sentences of life without parole. Thereafter, the <u>Graham</u> Court determined that it must look beyond historical conceptions to the evolving standards of decency and determine extreme cruelty within the framework of the changing mores of society. <u>Graham</u> then justified its expansion of cruel and unusual punishment because sentencing juveniles to life without parole was "exceedingly rare. And it is fair to say that a national consensus has developed against it." <u>Id.</u> at 2026.

The State highlights this justification because "community consensus" and the statistics analyzed specifically do not include lengthy term-of-year sentences that are the functional equivalent of life without parole. Additionally, the statistics discussed and analyzed do not include consecutive sentences which in the aggregate amount to the functional equivalent of life without parole. Nor does Defendant offer such an analysis in the instant Petition. Thus, <u>Graham</u>'s holding should not be expanded to include consecutive

fixed-term sentences because <u>Graham</u> specifically did not analyze such sentences when determining evolving standards of a maturing society and the frequency with which state courts issue such sentences. In fact, Justice Thomas pointed out in his dissenting opinion that the majority opinion did not consider statistics or sentences involving juveniles sentenced to lengthy term-of-years sentences (e.g., 70 or 80 years' imprisonment). <u>Id.</u> at 2052 (Thomas, J., dissenting). The fact the Supreme Court did not consider such statistics and analysis in its determination of whether to expand historical conceptions of the Eighth Amendment can only lead to one conclusion – the Court did not intend for its decision to encompass lengthy term-of-year sentences.

Additionally, <u>Graham</u>'s Eighth Amendment evaluation contained a weighing process and a determination on the relevant purposes and effects of penal sanctions. Interestingly, the <u>Graham</u> Court spent several pages of its decision detailing proportionality in sentencing and theories of criminal punishment. The <u>Graham</u> Court determined that neither retribution nor deterrence justified the sentence imposed upon Graham. However, if <u>Graham</u>'s holding were expanded to include lengthy term-of-year sentences that are the functional equivalent of life without parole, such would reduce deterrence. Juveniles would have an incentive to commit as many crimes as possible before turning 18 years of age. Also, a juvenile defendant's sentence would not take into consideration additional infliction of pain upon numerous victims.

Defendant's instant argument is nothing more than a request for a "volume discount." Juvenile defendants are not to be sentenced to life without parole for a nonhomicide conviction. However, that holding does not require state courts to hand out coupons akin to "buy one, get one free," or "buy one get 3, 4, 5, or 6 free." Defendant's argument taken to its logical conclusion is that if a juvenile is going to commit one serious crime, that juvenile should commit multiple serious crimes because he is guaranteed not to serve consecutive sentences for multiple victims, dates, locations, or offenses. A cumulative sentence for distinct crimes does not present a cognizable Eighth Amendment claim. Each of Defendant's sentences were permissible individually because each included the possibility of parole

within the Defendant's lifetime. That Defendant was simultaneously convicted and sentenced concerning various offenses does not warrant a reduction in the severity of punishment for each individual crime.

Lastly, Defendant has appeared before a parole board as recently as January 17, 2013. The very fact that Defendant has appeared before a parole board unequivocally distinguishes this case from <u>Graham</u>. Defendant has had the opportunity to demonstrate his rehabilitation and maturity. He has had the opportunity to demonstrate that his consecutive sentences should be commuted to concurrent sentences. Defendant is not forced to rely on the rare exception of executive clemency which was the only hope Graham had. Thus, Defendant's sentence structure and his ability to hope for life outside of prison is different from that implicated in <u>Graham</u> and no relief is warranted.

#### DEFENDANT IS NOT ENTITLED TO AN EVIDENTIARY HEARING.

NRS 34.770 determines when a defendant is entitled to an evidentiary hearing. It reads:

- 1. The judge or justice, upon review of the return, answer and all supporting documents which are filed, shall determine whether an evidentiary hearing is required. A petitioner must not be discharged or committed to the custody of a person other than the respondent unless an evidentiary hearing is held.
- 2. If the judge or justice determines that the petitioner is not entitled to relief and an evidentiary hearing is not required, he shall dismiss the petition without a hearing.
- 3. If the judge of justice determines that an evidentiary hearing is required, he shall grant the writ and shall set a date for the hearing.

NRS 34.770. The Nevada Supreme Court has held that if a petition can be resolved without expanding the record, then no evidentiary hearing is necessary. Marshall v. State, 110 Nev. 1328, 885 P.2d 603 (1994); Mann v. State, 118 Nev. 351, 356, 46 P.3d 1228, 1231 (2002). A defendant is entitled to an evidentiary hearing if his petition is supported by specific factual allegations, which, if true, would entitle him to relief unless the factual allegations are repelled by the record. Marshall, 110 Nev. at 1331, 885 P.2d at 605; See also Hargrove v. State, 100 Nev. 498, 503, 686 P.2d 222, 225 (1984) (1984) (holding that "[a] defendant seeking post-conviction relief is not entitled to an evidentiary hearing on factual allegations

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In this case, Defendant's Petition was remanded for the appointment of counsel to address the legal question whether <u>Graham</u> applies to sentences of life with the possibility of parole such that the applicable procedural bars should be excused. As this is solely a legal question, no expansion of the record is required and Defendant's motion for an evidentiary hearing should be denied.

Further, even if this court finds that Defendant's current sentence violates Graham and the Eighth Amendment, such a conclusion does not require an evidentiary hearing wherein Defendant can present "evidence of mitigating factors that reduce the culpability" of Defendant. If this court finds Defendant's current sentence unconstitutional, the remedy is to re-sentence him to the next harshest punishment. When a punishment has been ruled unconstitutional by the United States Supreme Court, the normal course in Nevada has been to automatically commute the sentence to the next most severe sentence without holding another sentencing hearing. When the Court ruled in Furman v. Georgia, 408 U.S. 238, 92 S. Ct. 2726 (1972), that the death penalty had been applied in violation of the Eighth and Fourteenth Amendments, the Nevada Supreme Court considered the issue of whether a new sentencing hearing was necessary for those on death row at the time. In Anderson v. State, 90 Nev. 385, 528 P.2d 1023 (1974), the Court reviewed the wealth of case law on the issue and concluded that the district court judge was authorized to re-sentence the defendant to life without the possibility of parole, it being the next most severe penalty which could have been entered upon the conviction. See also Haynes v. State, 103 Nev. 309, 739 P.2d 497 (1987); Harvey v. State, 100 Nev. 340, 682 P.2d 1384 (1984); Smith v. State, 93 Nev. 82, 560 P.2d 158 (1977).

Further, the Nevada reaction to the decision in Roper v. Simmons, 543 U.S. 551, 125 S. Ct. 1183, provides a similar example. NRS 176.025 was amended in 2005 to reflect the decision in Roper by changing the minimum age for which a person could be sentenced to

death from 16 to 18. The statutory notes of NRS 176.025 provide in part "a sentence of death to which this act applies retroactively shall be deemed to be commuted to a sentence of life without the possibility of parole on the effective date of this act. . . ." In reliance on this statute, Michael Domingues, the only juvenile in Nevada on death row at the time of the Roper decision, received an automatic commutation of his death sentence to life without the possibility of parole in 94-C-117787. Therefore, an evidentiary hearing is not required as determining the next most severe punishment for Defendant is also solely a legal issue.

Finally, the only additional evidence of mitigation required by <u>Graham</u> and <u>Miller</u> is a consideration of the defendant's youth. <u>Miller</u>, 132 S. Ct. at 2471; <u>see also Graham</u>, 130 S. Ct. at 2026-27. Such a consideration occurred in this case at the original sentencing. <u>Transcript of Proceedings</u>, October 20, 1988, pp. 5-6, 7. Thus, no evidentiary hearing is needed.

# DEFENDANT FAILS TO OVERCOME THE PROCEDURAL BARS OF NRS 34.726 AND 34.800(2).

Defendant fails to demonstrate prejudice necessary to overcome application of NRS 34.726. In order to establish prejudice under NRS 34.726, a defendant must show "not merely that the errors of [the proceedings] created possibility of prejudice, but that they worked to his actual and substantial disadvantage, in affecting the state proceedings with error of constitutional dimensions." <u>Hogan v. Warden</u>, 109 Nev. 952, 960, 860 P.2d 710, 716 (1993) (quoting <u>United States v. Frady</u>, 456 U.S. 152, 170, 102 S. Ct. 1584, 1596 (1982)). Here, Defendant cannot demonstrate any error, let alone error that worked to his actual and substantial disadvantage, because <u>Graham</u> does not apply to lengthy term-of-year sentences. Therefore, he was not prejudiced by such sentence and his Petition is untimely.

Defendant fails to overcome the presumption of prejudice to the State under NRS 34.800(2). In order to overcome such presumption, a defendant must demonstrate either a fundamental miscarriage of justice or that the grounds for his petition could not have been discovered prior to the prejudice suffered by the State. Again, because <u>Graham</u> does not apply to Defendant's sentence, he cannot demonstrate that such provides grounds for his

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Graham does not apply to Defendant, he cannot show that there has been a fundamental miscarriage of justice such that a new penalty hearing is appropriate. Defendant's jury trial occurred more than twenty-four years ago. At Defendant's sentencing, the State submitted handwritten letters by the victims as well as their mother, handwritten notes by Defendant found by his mother containing detailed fantasies of abducting and raping women, and a report related to Defendant's stay in a psychiatric hospital describing Defendant as a "time bomb ready to go off." Reporter's Transcript, 10/22/1988, pp. 3-5. The State would be prejudiced in attempting to locate such information again and provide it at any re-sentencing. Therefore, Defendant's Petition should be dismissed as procedurally barred.

### CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, the State respectfully requests that Defendant's Petition be DISMISSED.

DATED this 23rd day of January, 2013.

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THE MARSHAL: Page 1, State of Nevada v. Boston, Andre Dupree.

THE COURT: All right. Go ahead and state appearances.

MR. HART: Attorney Martin Hart appearing for Mr. Boston.

MR. BROOKS: Good morning, Your Honor. Parker Brooks appearing for the State.

THE COURT: Okay. So, Mr. Brooks knows that I was thinking about this case last week because he happened to be in an elevator when we were talking about prior cases not about my thoughts on the case just per se.

MR. HART: Okay.

THE COURT: But anyway, we were --

MR. HART: Thank you, Your Honor.

THE COURT: -- we have spent some time preparing for today's hearing which is some interesting legal issues here.

MR. HART: Yes.

THE COURT: I guess, you know, at the outset -- and maybe it's just assumed, but it didn't seem like either of you really addressed sort of as a threshold issue whether <u>Graham</u> applies retroactively to Mr. Boston's case. So, why don't we start there.

MR. HART: Your Honor, it was a change in law -- well, let's just cut to the chase. I think the Supreme Court of Nevada wouldn't have issued it back if they didn't think it was a high likelihood that it applied retroactively.

THE COURT: Perhaps.

MR. HART: I'm gonna just leave at that, Your Honor. I mean, it is a new area

1	of law, it is applied been applied retroactively in other courts; Florida, the Sixth
2	Circuit, etcetera, Your Honor. It has been addressed that way. I think that's the
3	easiest way
4	THE COURT: Is the
5	MR. HART: I mean
6	THE COURT: State disputing the retroactive effect because it didn't appear
7	so in the briefing?
8	MR. BROOKS: Your Honor, I didn't raise the retroactive effect because does
9	Graham apply retroactively? It would be until it would be disingenuous for me t
10	sit here and try to make an argument that <u>Graham</u> doesn't apply retroactively.
11	THE COURT: Okay.
12	MR. BROOKS: It was a new law but I believe it fits under one of the two
13	exceptions for a new law
14	THE COURT: Right. Okay.
15	MR. BROOKS: which would have been the first one which would be simila
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17	THE COURT: Right.
18	MR. BROOKS: to the <i>Penry</i> analysis or the
19	THE COURT: Okay.
20	MR. BROOKS: <u>Atkins</u> analysis.
21	THE COURT: Okay.
22	MR. BROOKS: It just falls squarely on that. So, I didn't raise it.
23	THE COURT: Good.
24	MR. BROOKS: Mr. Hart didn't but it would have
25	THE COURT: Okay. That's fine. So, let's put that aside then for the

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So, Mr. Hart, here's another question I have then.

MR. HART: Yeah.

THE COURT: With respect to --

MR. HART: Can I --

THE COURT: Yeah?

MR. HART: -- first address a couple of cases cited by the State? And I might hit the questions you have real quick.

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. HART: Just so we know what the -- I mean --

THE COURT: Go ahead.

MR. HART: One is he cited to <u>Maxie</u> and -- which was a District of Nevada case.

THE COURT: Yes.

MR HART: That was actually a death penalty case originally. So, when they put in the -- they decided not to extend it to life beyond -- without parole, sentences for juveniles convicted of non-homicide cases, I really don't know how they got that out of a death penalty case. Maybe I'm a little slow on the uptake but I don't think I'm that slow.

As far as the Arizona case that they cited to, <u>Kasic</u>, of course when you look it up there's a yellow flag because it's disagreed with, but more importantly that case involved a series of crimes over a one year period where he was a juvenile on part of them and he was an adult on part of them. And the -- it pointed out the fact that the largest sentence he got on any one case was a fixed term of 15.75 years.

THE COURT: Right.

MR. HART: The same where they cite to <u>Bunch v. Smith</u>, they're all fixed terms. And this one when you go through his judgment of conviction you see the words life, life, life. I think I counted eight times, it might have been ten but they're not fixed term sentences. So, I think that's a huge distinction between what has been cited by the State in their arguments about aggregate sentences and this. Also there's a question about this is an incident. This isn't multiple -- this isn't a series of one year --

THE COURT: That was a question --

MR. HART: -- homicides --

THE COURT: -- I have.

MR. HART: -- or arsons.

THE COURT: Can you briefly tell me what this case was about?

THE HART: Which one? The Arizona one?

THE COURT: No, this one, Mr. Boston's.

MR. HART: Oh. It was a sexual assault, robbery, all involving one big, long incident, Your Honor. I mean --

THE COURT: Okay. Because it looked like from your brief description there had been one prior incident with a different victim.

MR. HART: That was out of California.

MR. BROOKS: Yes, Your Honor. It wasn't exactly one incident. Essentially what this case was about was on October 1<sup>st</sup> 1983 Mr. Boston snuck into someone's house. He snuck into a house and there was a twelve year old girl there. What he did was he forced covers over her head, took a knife to her and then started to fondle her. That was a twelve year old. About a month later he goes to that girl's fifteen year old older sister, he kidnaps her as she's walking to school and throws

her behind some bushes. As he throws her behind some bushes he begins to attempt to sexually assault her. He has a bandana around his face, he's wearing cargo pants, he's holding the knife to her throat then he does sexually assault her in various ways, he also makes certain comments. She's begging him and saying, you know, "I'm a virgin, please don't do this". He says, "You're not gonna be after this". Makes some comments about, you know, her vagina being a little too tight. He says he's gonna cut it open with a knife to make it a little looser.

This goes on; she's tortured throughout the day, sodomized back and forth. Then on December 2, 1983, so just a month after that, in California what happens is a black male wearing a bandana, cargo pants, takes his knife and does the same thing to a sixteen year old girl in California. Now, the --

MR. HART: Your Honor --

MR. BROOKS: -- California --

MR. HART: -- I don't think it necessarily applies to this case. It's --

THE COURT: Right. So that wasn't part of the charges here.

MR. BROOKS: Absolutely not, Your Honor, but it was in the bad acts motion there and this is how we get him. I'm just giving you the factual background here.

THE COURT: Umm hmm.

MR. BROOKS: So, what happens is the California case seemed strikingly familiar; same exact words, same exact situation, the same exact clean up. They go they do DNA testing back and forth, they get him from California after he's been convicted in and prison in California for that charge and bring him down here and prosecute him on the two that I mentioned initially. So, that's what we have here.

THE COURT: Okay. So, the charges in this case though there were charges that related to the incident with the twelve year old and then the bulk of the charges

though were related to that subsequent incident with the fifteen year old.

MR. BROOKS: Yes, Your Honor.

MR. HART: And for the record, all the lifes come out of that one.

THE COURT: Out of that one. Okay. Because that was one of the other -the question I was about to ask you was about, you know, the fact that -- so,

<u>Graham</u> had, you know, a sentence of life without, non-homicide and the supreme
court says that's unconstitutional for life without for someone -- an offense
committed as a juvenile, non-homicide offense.

And -- so, even if that extends to the equivalent of life without -- in other words, if I had, you know, a case where someone who is a minor gets sentenced, okay, it's not life without but, you know, life with the possibility of parole after eighty years. There you go, you know. Perhaps that would be the equivalent. Not -- that would, you know, be one issue, but this is going further because I've got life with -- and because of the way it sentences -- the sentences don't say how many years before they're eligible for parole. I don't know what that answer was on those --

MR. HART: It was --

THE COURT: -- lifes.

MR. HART: -- ten and ten.

THE COURT: Ten?

MR. HART: I believe it was ten and ten.

THE COURT: So, those lifes were -- so, five or ten. But -- so, the only way that the argument is made in this case that this is a functional equivalent is by -- because they were all run consecutive and because when you stack them all up it adds up to many years going beyond his life expectancy. I think we can agree factually it goes beyond his life expectancy the way he was sentenced. Intentionally

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MR. HART: Yes.

THE COURT: -- so by the Court apparently.

So, the question is does that change it because that's -- you know, part of the argument the State made is that, you know, because it's multiple different charges for, you know, different acts of sexual assault, different acts of kidnapping, robbery, those different charges, you know, does that -- can you add those together to talk about it being the equivalent of a life without when it's multiple different charges? And obviously that means that they were, you know, separate acts that could be charged separately without violating double jeopardy.

MR. HART: Okay. First of all, the way the sentencing structure used to work prior to 1995 --

THE COURT: Yeah.

MR. HART: -- on the non-life cases basically he would have expired with everything in there with the -- the first -- the first incident.

THE COURT: Sure.

MR. HART: We'd be -- I mean, we'd be --

THE COURT: Right. Right.

MR. HART: -- done there.

THE COURT: Right. So -- right. So, we're talking -- and the longest sentences and the most significant ones relate to this --

MR. HART: Yeah.

THE COURT: -- the time period during which -- with this other victim, the second victim.

MR. HART: And my argument is that, yeah, there was multiple acts but it's --

1	when you compare it to, like, the Arizona case cited that was eight different houses
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3	THE COURT: Right.
4	MR. HART: over a year.
5	THE COURT: Right.
6	MR. HART: That's not what we have here. Additionally, like I said, this is life
7	after life after and I'm sorry, I did miscount. I started adding up again, I think it
8	was twelve.
9	THE COURT: Yeah. It was a lot.
10	MR. HART: Yeah. But it's life after life after life.
11	This is
12	THE COURT: Right. I mean and the supreme court's decision said
13	basically it's at least 100 years.
14	MR HART: Yeah. Which like I said is the actuary charts for prisoners is
15	he's in trouble.
16	Your Honor
17	THE COURT: And he's already been in now since when was he 1983 or
18	something?
19	MR. HART: '88.
20	MR. BROOKS: Yes, Your Honor. But remember this case was to run
21	consecutive to his California case, the facts I alluded to. So, he
22	THE COURT: Got it.
23	MR. BROOKS: didn't start accruing credit for some time.
24	THE COURT: Okay.
25	MR_HART: Yeah_And like I said yeah_my argument_like I said_it's in the

reports, it's -- it's a very new and evolving area of case law, but everything I've read and gone through is that they are looking at aggregate non-life sentences ending up being functional lifes where they're -- where they're ruling that <u>Graham</u> does not apply. Here we have life sentences although parolable in theory that in their aggregate pretty much make him dead man city.

Additionally -- and I know this is a legal issue, but when you look at the attachments we've done -- in everything he has done while he has been in custody, I think you go -- the heart of *Graham* is the fact that the young mind is impulsive, crazy, stupid. He is a poster case for a change. He's getting degrees while he's in prison, Your Honor.

If there's a chance for somebody to turn around this guy is -- like I said, this is what you would dream about. I don't know how else to put it for somebody making good use of their time while they're in prison and growing. Beyond a 17 year old we're looking at 24 years ago. Yeah, so 25 years ago, 24 and a half, whatever you -- you know, a while ago.

THE COURT: When the trial was.

MR. HART: Yeah.

THE COURT: It's about 30 years since the offenses I guess if it was --

MR. HART: '88 --

THE COURT: -- '83.

MR. HART: -- so -- yeah. You're right. Yeah. No, you're right.

Yeah, I mean, heck, I'm just a tad different than I was at that time. I think all of us are.

THE COURT: I don't think you were, you know, raping 13 year olds, but anyway. I hope not anyway.

THE COURT: Yeah.

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1	MR. BROOKS: argument?
2	THE COURT: Hold I promise I'm gonna
3	MR. BROOKS: Oh
4	THE COURT: hear from you.
5	MR. BROOKS: I didn't know if you were
6	MR. HART: And what happens at that time was deadly weapon was an equa
7	and consecutive
8	THE COURT: I know that.
9	MR. HART: so double (indecipherable).
10	THE COURT: So
11	MR. HART: And I was thinking it was ten and he might have been right and
12	I might have
13	THE COURT: It might have been five.
14	MR. HART: Might have been misread it and it wouldn't have been
15	THE COURT: It was five a consecutive five
16	MR. HART: Yeah.
17	THE COURT: for a deadly weapon
18	MR. HART: It wouldn't have been
19	THE COURT: on each of them.
20	MR HART: the first time I made that mistake.
21	THE COURT: So that would be
22	MR. HART: Sixty what are we
23	THE COURT: I don't know. I'm not sure how the supreme court got to their
24	hundred calculation but I'm gonna
25	MR. HART: Yeah.

the life sentence on him regardless and he's still gonna have to go get paroled. So,

it's not gonna be an automatic welcome to the neighborhood, you're out of here no

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matter what because we're -- we still gotta do the sentence to get paroled -- to get there, and that's where were at, Your Honor. And I think it leaves the Court a lot of - a lot of options. Unless you want to go term of years and I'm fully behind that, Your Honor, but it gives this Court the opportunity.

THE COURT: Right. So, some -- I guess what you're saying is, you know, even with the lifes some could be run concurrent for example to shorten --

MR. HART: Yes.

THE COURT: -- it up.

All right. So, Mr. Brooks, yes. I just wanted to talk through all the issues with him, I haven't ruled yet. So, go ahead.

MR. BROOKS: Your Honor, although I mentioned that <u>Graham</u> would be retroactive I don't think this falls under <u>Graham</u> --

THE COURT: Right.

MR. BROOKS: -- so I would ask that the petition --

THE COURT: Right.

MR. BROOKS: -- be dismissed as to --

THE COURT: Clearly that's the issue.

MR. BROOKS: -- time barred.

THE COURT: Go ahead.

MR. BROOKS: Yes.

<u>Graham</u> stated that it concerned only the juvenile offender sentenced to life without parole solely for a non-homicide offense. So, from that statement holding four analytical factors can be discerned. One, the offender was a juvenile at the time of the crime which is the case in this situation.

THE COURT: Right.

MR. BROOKS: Two, the sentence imposed was on a singular non-homicide offense. That's not what we have in this situation. Three, the offender was sentenced to life without parole. That's not what we have in this situation.

And what I would note is in that holding in <u>Graham</u> it says it does not require the State to release the offender during his natural life. Some offenders --some crimes are so irredeemable that they deserve incarceration for the duration of their life. Mr. Hart mentioned that this was impulsive, crazy and stupid. I only recited some of the facts from this case. Those are not the words that would come to mind when looking at this and that's the words that came to mind when the sentencing judge articulated the sentence. He had considered the juvenile aspect of this; he had considered also the multiple victims. <u>Bunch v. Smith</u> is the only circuit court of appeals that has ruled on this -- this -- the Sixth Circuit court. They had 89 years in prison. I understand we're talking about the, you know, was it 100? Is it 110? Is it 5 to life? Is it 10 to life? I'll concede that it's over his natural life expectancy but not on one count.

THE COURT: Right.

MR. BROOKS: And <u>Bunch</u> had that same thing. And Bunch specifically held, no, that's not what <u>Graham</u> held. <u>Graham</u> made it clear that the instant case concerns only those juvenile offenders sentenced to life without parole solely for a non-homicide offense. That's what Bunch stated. And Bunch said this aggregate term of years, <u>Graham</u> does not apply to that.

If the Court had intended to broaden the class of offenders within the scope of its decision it would have stated that and it would have been clear because it was an issue that was raised, and here's how you know it was raised. Justice Alito's dissenting opinion clearly states nothing in this Court's opinion affects the

imposition of a sentence to a term of years without the possibility of parole.

Indeed the Petitioner when you --

THE COURT: So, we're gonna rely on his dissent to tell us what the holding means?

MR. BROOKS: No, Your Honor. And I know it doesn't hold any -- for you, but what I'm saying is Justice -- when you look at Justice Alito's dissent, Justice Thomas' dissent and Justice -- Chief Justice Roberts concurring you can tell they specifically tolled the majority in this thing. Nothing in your holding applies to the aggregate term of years or the dysfunctional equivalent or defacto, whatever the wording would be. And in fact, just like you asked Mr. Hart, Justice Alito asked, okay, what would be constitutional? And the Petitioner in that situation even conceded, well, I suppose forty years would be constitutional in this particular situation.

THE COURT: Umm hmm.

MR. BROOKS: Now, also with that though you have to remember Chief Justice in his -- in his concurrent said: "Look, this is an overly broad opinion because we don't need to go that far, life without parole just isn't necessary for someone who only committed a burglary".

THE COURT: Right. He said it was --

MR. BROOKS: This is one offense.

THE COURT: -- just disproportionate to the offense there.

MR. BROOKS: And it was. Because you have to remember he was initially just --

THE COURT: It was a burglary. Put on probation and he ends up with life without.

MR. BROOKS: But remember the -- remember the objective indicia of society standards that were looked at by the majority. They looked at legislature's laws that were passed. They compiled and compared statistics and they specifically never analyzed the situation in front of us.

THE COURT: Right.

MR. BROOKS: They could have and they never did.

THE COURT: Right.

MR. BROOKS: And Justice Thomas -- now not just Alito, he says, "Hey, the majority never considered a lengthy term of years in your analysis --

THE COURT: Right.

MR. BROOKS: -- and your opinion".

THE COURT: It wasn't before him.

MR. BROOKS: Also, along with the compiling and preparing of statistics, the Court made a lengthy record with regard to retribution, deterrence and theories of criminal responsibility.

THE COURT: Yes.

MR. BROOKS: If this Court were to hold as the Defendant is asking, it would actually cut against deterrence and retribution because you would no longer be held accountable for individual crimes and individual victims and also it would go against deterrence because you're essentially offering a volume discount and saying if you're a juvenile and you commit one horrendous, serious offense you can commit two, three, four or five because you cannot be sentenced over a certain amount. So, it actually -- it goes against deterrence and goes against retribution. And along with this volume discount idea, remember the cumulative sentence is not a distinctive cognizable claim for Eighth Amendment purposes, this is each individual

sentence was appropriate and was constitutional.

Along with that, Your Honor, I would note the concept of sentencing packaging. Remember the Court in *Wilson v. State*. *Wilson v. State* was that situation where a trial was held and essentially on appeal the Court struck through your four counts. Well, those three or four counts had been run consecutive so now it got sent back to Judge Leavitt for re-sentencing and when it did Judge Leavitt wanted to further her intent that she had initially done and so tried to run other counts that had been -- she tried to run them consecutive. The Court said no. The State urged the concept of a packaged sentence, you know, a sentencing package which is done under the federal system and under the package concept the Court's treat penalties imposed on multiple counts as individual components of the single comprehensive plan. The Nevada Supreme Court in 2007 rejected that idea and basically said no, we don't have a sentencing package here in Nevada, that's a federal concept. But in doing that --

THE COURT: Which case is that again?

MR. BROOKS: That's Wilson v. State 123 Nev. 587.

THE COURT: Okay. Go ahead.

MR. BROOKS: Now, in doing that the Nevada Supreme Court obviously was focused on some double jeopardy ideas, but --

THE COURT: Right.

MR. BROOKS: -- also implicit in that is the concept that our Nevada Supreme Court doesn't recognize a comprehensive plan, and if they don't recognize a comprehensive plan then it's per count and per count -- this does not violate *Graham*.

Also, Your Honor, I note -- as my final argument, basically the

pragmatic problem that all these courts are dealing with at this point in time.

THE COURT: Yeah.

MR. BROOKS: This Court shouldn't expand passed the supreme court's specific ruling and limitations of *Graham* because, first, we have don't have -- we have a limited record. We don't have the vast amounts of information and the societal values, the penalogical justifications that that court was looking at. And also, if -- if this Court were to determine that this is a defacto life then what -- at what number does the 8<sup>th</sup> Amendment become implicated? Could the number vary based on social economic factors, based on race, based on gender? Also, does the number of crimes matter? How many victims do you tell I'm sorry, you know, I know you were sexually assaulted at knife point but that one no longer counts?

So, based on all that if <u>Graham</u> wants to basically take this prism and expand it then that court should do that but they didn't and so I would ask, Your Honor --

THE COURT: But that court can't do that until cases come up with that situation because --

MR. BROOKS: They could have --

THE COURT: -- they're only allowed to rule on the cases before them.

MR. BROOKS: They could have had a broader holding. And remember in <u>Miller</u> the following one in 2011, there's nothing inherently unconstitutional about life without. Although that was a homicide offense --

THE COURT: Right.

MR. BROOKS: -- they said you can't have the mandatory scheme.

THE COURT: It can't be mandatory. Right.

MR. BROOKS: Yes, you can't have a mandatory scheme but they didn't say

you couldn't do it for a homicide. So, there's nothing essentially inherently unconstitutional and they could have expanded it.

THE COURT: So, in the -- in considering whether they -- life without was constitutional for a homicide offense they could have decided on a term of years?

MR. BROOKS: No. In <u>Graham</u> and <u>Miller</u> if the court had wanted to they could have said -- they could have basically made a broader ruling, not a singular non-homicide offense, just a juvenile cannot be sentenced to life without but they didn't do that. Or a juvenile could not be sentenced to the functional equivalent of life without.

THE COURT: And so, what do we make of the -- the language in <u>Graham</u> about that there has to be some realistic possibility or words to that effect of getting

MR. BROOKS: Of --

THE COURT: -- out?

MR. BROOKS: -- getting parole. Well, a couple of things. Number one, as I articulated -- I'm not gonna keep going with the singular offense, however --

THE COURT: Okay. Right.

MR. BROOKS: -- also Mr. Hart has kind of shown all these documents and I think that actually shows that he's been in front of the parole board; he has the chance to show them. So, he -- it's not the same --

THE COURT: Right. But he'll be paroling on one -- let's -- if he does parole on this sentence he just starts serving the next one and the next one and the next one.

MR. BROOKS: Correct. But we know there's no truth in sentencing other than the life without. Life without does mean life without in this state, but --

THE COURT: Right.

MR. BROOKS: -- there's always the possibility that a parole board could commute sentences based on how well this person does and he at least gets the chance to go in front of them whereas <u>Graham</u> would have never got in front of a parole board. And that's the big difference, this Defendant gets a chance to show look -- look what I've done.

THE COURT: So, the parole board can just choose to commute sentences that the Court ordered to run consecutive?

MR. BROOKS: I mean, no they -- we know they do.

THE COURT: I mean -- I'm asking that as a serious question because that would be --

MR. HART: And I --

THE COURT: -- news to me.

MR. HART: -- could answer that real quickly. No, they can't. And I'll give you why I know. My mother-in-law was kidnapped and there's a kidnapping tale on him. He was able to go to the pardons board when my mother went --

THE COURT: Right.

MR. HART: -- in and actually testified in front of the pardons board, my mother-in-law, to have him released because she saw some change in him over the eight years he was in there, but that was something that -- all they were able to do was pardon -- or parole him from one sentence to the next to start. So, yes, you -- she was -- they were able to get --

THE COURT: Right. The pardons board is like the --

MR. BROOKS: Maybe I used the wrong --

THE COURT: -- governor and the, you know --

aggregate. If you want to look at Nevada -- and this is a strange analogy but it's a

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good analogy I believe. If you want to get habitual criminal treatment they have to rise out of separate convictions from separate offenses.

THE COURT: Right.

MR. HART: This was tried as one case and although we were divided, I mean, the great bulk of everything we're talking about here is --

THE COURT: One event.

MR. HART: -- it's one incident, I mean, it's -- it's not -- that's the way I look at it. I mean, it's -- it didn't happen in thirty seconds, but it is one incident, Your Honor, and that's where it applies. As far as constitutionality and where we're at, we've also got our supreme court to decide as to the bulk package program and --for lack of a better term. That's where we're at, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Right. I mean, on this constitutional issue it's really the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling because they're more pertinent to the analysis on that issue although clearly our Nevada Supreme Court was concerned enough about it to send it back to me to address it.

So, I appreciate your arguments. I'm actually gonna take it under advisement and get you a decision. I think I need -- I want to take a little more time with it. It's an important enough issue with implications that I want to consider before I make a ruling on it.

MR. HART: Would the Court be okay if I was -- and maybe -- one of us will go across the state -- or across the street and see if we can pick up the historical sentencing guidelines. I don't know how to deal with Westlaw anymore, they used to have a great program where you could go back as to what was under --

THE COURT: I mean --

MR. HART: -- the statute.

THE COURT: -- if you could -- if you could kind of jointly figure out what the actual sentencing options were at the time and what the parole eligibility is on the charges that he was convicted of I would appreciate that factual information.

MR. HART: Okay. I do have old school books downstairs in the library, the building we're in. So -- and I think they're -- I don't think they've been updated since about '88 so they're probably about perfect.

THE COURT: Okay. Yeah, if you could get that to me I'd appreciate it. But, I mean, I don't -- I don't think it'll take me long to get you a ruling but I want to just go back through it again and decide what I want to do with this, but I appreciate your arguments today.

[Proceedings concluded at 9:32:32 a.m.]

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Petitioner,

Case No: 88C084650 Dept No: VI

Respondent,

NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on March 22, 2013, the court entered a decision or order in this matter, a true and correct copy of which is attached to this notice.

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DISTRICT JUDGE DEPARTMENT VI DISTRICT COURT
CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

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State of Nevada,

Plaintiff,

VS

Andre D. Boston,

Defendant.

CASE NO.: C084650

DEPARTMENT 6

ORDER GRANTING IN PART AND DENYING IN PART PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS

In 1988, Petitioner Andre Boston ("Boston"), a juvenile at the time he committed his offenses, was convicted of one count of burglary, one count of lewdness with a minor with the use of a deadly weapon, one count of assault with a deadly weapon, one count of battery with the intent to commit a crime with the use of a deadly weapon, one count of first-degree kidnapping with the use of a deadly weapon, six counts of sexual assault with the use of a deadly weapon, one count of robbery with the use of a deadly weapon, and one count of attempting to dissuade a victim from reporting a crime with the use of a deadly weapon. The court sentenced Boston to serve fourteen consecutive terms of life with the possibility of parole and consecutive terms totaling 92 years. As the Nevada Supreme Court has noted, it appears that Boston would have to serve a minimum of approximately 100 years before he will be eligible for parole.

Boston filed the instant Petition in proper person on January 5, 2011. This Court dismissed the petition as procedurally barred and barred by laches. On appeal, the Nevada Supreme Court reversed and remanded to appoint counsel for Boston and consider whether the United States Supreme Court's decision in <u>Graham v. Florida</u>, 130 S. Ct. 2011 (2010) provides good cause for the filing of this untimely and successive petition and, if so, whether it provides a basis for relief herein.

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ELISSA F. CADISH DISTRICT JUDGE DEPARTMENT VI The Court has read and considered Boston's Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (Post Conviction), State's Response and Motion to Dismiss Defendant's Petition, Boston's Supplement to Writ of Habeas Corpus (Post-Conviction), Boston's Addendum to Supplement, and the State's Response to Defendant's Writ of Habeas Corpus (Post-Conviction). The Court held a hearing on March 4, 2013 at which Parker Brooks, Esq. appeared and argued for the State and Martin Hart, Esq. appeared and argued for Boston. This Court took the matter under advisement.

After full consideration of the papers and exhibits submitted by the parties, oral arguments, and consideration of the legal authorities, the Court hereby grants the petition and finds that Boston's cumulative sentences herein violate the Eighth Amendment of the United States Constitution's prohibition of cruel and unusual punishments under the <u>Graham</u> case.

In Graham, the United States Supreme Court, in a decision written by Justice Anthony Kennedy, held that "for a juvenile offender who did not commit homicide the Eighth Amendment forbids the sentence of life without parole. This clear line is necessary to prevent the possibility that life without parole sentences will be imposed on juvenile nonhomicide offenders who are not sufficiently culpable to merit that punishment. Because '[t]he age of 18 is the point where society draws the line for many purposes between childhood and adulthood,' those who were below that age when the offense was committed may not be sentenced to life without parole for a non-homicide crime." 130 S. Ct. at 2030, quoting Roper v. Simmons, 543 U.S. 551, 574, 125 S. Ct. 1183 (2005). The Court went on to say, "A State is not required to guarantee eventual freedom to a juvenile offender convicted of a nonhomicide crime. What the State must do, however, is give defendants like Graham some meaningful opportunity to obtain release based on demonstrated maturity and rehabilitation." Id. The Court found a national consensus against such sentences of life without possibility of parole for juvenile nonhomicide offenders. Id. at 2023-2026. The Court also relied and expanded on the analysis of the Roper Court to the effect that because juveniles are immature, they are more vulnerable to outside influences, their brains are less

developed, they have more difficulty considering long-term consequences, and they have less self-control, there is a greater possibility that a minor's character deficiencies may be reformed with time. <u>Id.</u> at 2026-27. The Court also recognized the harshness of a life without parole sentence for a juvenile because it will on average require serving more years and a greater percentage of his life in prison than an adult offender. <u>Id.</u> at 2028. Moreover, the Court found that the penological justifications for such a sentence—retribution, deterrence, incapacitation, and rehabilitation—did not justify life without parole for juvenile nonhomicide offenders. <u>Id.</u> at 2028-30.

In the instant case, Boston was convicted of heinous crimes he committed while a juvenile. He was convicted of entering a home and molesting a child under the age of fourteen at knifepoint. Six weeks later, he kidnapped the first victim's older sister at knife point and, over the course of several hours, robbed, battered, and repeatedly threatened and sexually assaulted her. He was convicted of thirteen felonies, with deadly weapon enhancements on twelve of them. As the State points out, Boston was not sentenced to life without parole for any of the charges of which he was convicted. However, based on the information presented by Boston, the Court may take judicial notice that the imposition of each of these sentences to run consecutively, with a minimum time to be served of more than 100 years, constitutes the functional equivalent of a sentence of life without parole.

Contrary to <u>Graham</u>'s Constitutional mandate, Boston was not given "some meaningful opportunity to obtain release based on demonstrated maturity and rehabilitation." Instead, similar to the sentencing court in <u>Graham</u>, the Court that sentenced Boston apparently believed that there was nothing further that could be done for him and he would always be a dangerous criminal who must be kept off the streets. "To justify life without parole on the assumption that the juvenile offender forever will be a danger to society requires the sentencer to make a judgment that the juvenile is incorrigible. The characteristics of juveniles make that judgment questionable." <u>Graham</u>, 130 S. Ct. at 2029. The <u>Graham</u> Court went on to say, "A life without parole sentence improperly denies the juvenile offender a chance to demonstrate growth and maturity. Incapacitation cannot

ELISSA F. CADISH DISTRICT JUDGE DEPARTMENT VI override all other considerations, lest the Eight Amendment's rule against disproportionate sentences be a nullity." <u>Id.</u> The Court notes that, in this case, Boston has presented evidence that, during the twenty-five years he has been in Nevada custody, he has earned his GED, multiple college degrees, several certificates from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, more than twenty Certificates of Appreciation or Achievement, and many accolades and certificates of recognition from the prison staff.

While Boston here was sentenced to this lengthy period of incarceration for multiple different offenses, rather than one single offense, all of the most serious charges relate to the events with the second victim that all took place on one day when Boston was sixteen years old. Under the circumstances, the Court finds that <u>Graham</u>'s holding, and the reasons for it, are equally applicable here.

In conclusion, the Court finds that the issuance of the <u>Graham</u> decision by the United States Supreme Court provides good cause for the otherwise untimely and successive petition filed by Boston herein, and that prejudice is demonstrated by Boston if he is unable to raise the issues contained in the instant petition. Additionally, the State's assertion of laches has been sufficiently rebutted by Boston as he did not delay an unreasonable amount of time after issuance of <u>Graham</u> and it will not be unreasonably difficult for the State to hold a new sentencing hearing which does not require an entirely new trial. The Court further hereby grants the instant Petition in part and holds that the sentences imposed on Boston herein are in violation of the Eighth Amendment because they do not provide a meaningful opportunity to obtain release. Accordingly, the Court hereby sets aside those sentences, and finds that Boston must be re-sentenced in accordance with the Eighth Amendment's dictates. All other relief sought herein is denied. The Court is scheduling a status hearing to discuss the scheduling and scope of Boston's new sentencing hearing for April 10, 2013 at 8:30 am.

Dated this 22nd day of March, 2013

ELISSA F. CADISH, DISTRICT JUDGE

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# **Department of Correction** OFFENDER LEGAL ORDERS State of Nevada

**BOSTON, ANDRE DUPREE 27846** 

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# San Diego County SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

# WAIVER OF EXTRADITION



**FUGITIVE / EXTRADITION UNIT** 

330 W. Broadway, San Diego, CA 92101 (619) 531-3762

I Andre Boston, Freely admit that I am the person against whom criminal proceedings have been instituted in the County of Clark, State of Nevada, and further freely and voluntarily agree to return to the demanding State with the duly authorized agent(s) of the demanding State who may be appointed to accompany me.

By signing this waiver, I am not admitting any guilt whatsoever, I only volunteer to return to the demanding State to answer the charges lodged against me, to wit, Burglary, Lewdness with a Minor with Use of a Deadly Weapon, Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Battery with Intent to Commit a Crime with Use of a Deadly Weapon, Sexual Assault with Use of a Deadly Weapon, Robbery with Use of a Deadly Weapon and Attempt Dissuade Victim or Witness from Reporting a Crime with Use of a Deadly Weapon..

I have been informed by the magistrate of my constitutional rights, and that I have a

1	right to require the issuance and service of a Warrant of Rendition as provided under the California Penal Code.
	November 9, 2010  Signature Andre Boston
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# STATE OF NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

### MEMORANDUM

To:

Patti Strocchio

Central Trans

FROM:

Paula G. Miller

Program Officer

SUBJECT:

Boston, Andre

OUR:

#27846

THEIR:

#10783188

arrived 11-18-10

DATE: November 10, 2010

The above named subject is currently housed in the San Diego Central Jail, CA. He has signed a Waiver of Extradition and we have until November 24, 2010 to take custody of him. This inmate will have to transfer to HDSP. He has scarred lungs and cannot breathe in a higher elevation. 11-18-10

Your Contact

Lenice Lopez, Detective

Phone:

(619) 531-3762

FAX:

(619) 531-3743

Address:

1173 Front St.

San Diego, CA 92101

### **DESCRIPTION:**

Sex:

Male

Race:

Black

Hgt/Wgt: 5"09"/170

Hair/Eyes: Black/Brown

DOB:

07/17/1967

SSN:

454-53-2634

Sentence: Currently serving 120 months for Burglary

Has 13 consecutive sentences to serve.

I have a signed Waiver. I will fax a copy to Wendy Livermore and to you.

## The trip will be reimbursed

### Paula Miller - Boston, Andre 27846

From:

Patti Strocchio

To:

Cole Morrow; Davena Abad; William Kuloloia

Date:

11/10/2010 2:03 PM Boston, Andre 27846

Subject: CC:

Paula Miller

Attachments: Patti Strocchio.vcf

On November 18th, 2010, Sgt. Kozloff and C/O Parkinson will travel to the San Diego Central Jail, 1173 Front St., in San Diego, California and pickup inmate Boston. This inmate has 13 consecutive Nevada sentences to serve. We have advised the South Transportation Officers to use caution with this inmate due to the type of crimes he has committed.

If you have any questions in regards to this trip, please contact the officers at 702-879-6625. Thanks.

Patti Strocchio, AA III Department of Corrections Central Transportation 5500 Snyder Ave, Bldg. 18 Carson City, NV 89701 775-887-3358





# SAN DIEGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT



# Fugitive/Extradition Unit

330 West Broadway
San Diego County, Ca. 92101
(619) 531-3762 Fax (619) 531-3743
ORI CA0370056 lenice.lopez@sdsheriff.org

November 10, 2010

To: Extraditions/Fugitives

Re: Boston, Andre Dupree # 10783188

Fax: 2 Pages

The above subject has signed a "Waiver of Extradition". He/She does not have any local matters and is ready for pick up. A copy of the waiver is included in this transmission. Please take custody of this inmate by November 24, 2010. Please notify me of your transportation arrangements.

If you have any medical questions or need a medical form completed, please fax the paperwork to the following appropriate location. Do not fax it to me. Please have the fugitives booking number on any inquiry.

Male inmates are located at:

San Diego Central Jail

1173 Front St.

San Diego, CA. 92101

Inside Booking Phone # 619-615-2662

Attn: Medical Records

619-615-2454 619-615-2450 (fax)

Female inmates are located at:

Las Colinas Detention Facility

9000 Cottonwood Ave. Santee, CA 92071-3093 Attn: Medical Records

619-258-3206

619-258-3222 (fax)

Thank you,

Lenice Lopez, Detective



# San Diego County SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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## Paula Miller - RE: #D-03868 - Boston, Andre

From:

"Work, Valerie"

To:

"Paula Miller"

Date:

3/23/2007 12:01 PM

Subject: RE: #D-03868 - Boston, Andre

Mr. Boston is at Correctional Training Facility 831-678-3951, his earliest projected parole date is 9/30/2010. Contact person is Pam Hudson at extension 4370. As always any dates are best confirmed through the institution. Isn't e-mail great!

From: Paula Miller [mailto:pgmiller@doc.nv.gov]

Sent: Friday, March 23, 2007 10:16 AM

To: Work, Valerie

Subject: #D-03868 - Boston, Andre

Okay, the next one I pulled is CA also. Can you give me his location, release date, and contact person. You were right about the release date on the last inmate. Thank you, Paula

## 1 IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA 2 3 **Electronically Filed** 4 Sep 16 2013 10:57 a.m. Tracie K. Lindeman 5 Case No. 62931 Clerk of Supreme Court THE STATE OF NEVADA, 6 Appellant, 7 8 ANDRE BOSTON, 9 Respondent. 10 11 APPELLANT'S APPENDIX Volume 4 12 13 14 MARTIN HART, ESQ. Nevada Bar #005984 The Law Offices of Martin Hart, LLC 229 South Las Vegas Blvd., Suite 200 Las Vegas, Nevada 89101 (702) 380-4278 STEVEN B. WOLFSON Clark County District Attorney Nevada Bar # 001565 15 Regional Justice Center 200 Lewis Avenue, Suite 701 Post Office Box 552212 16 17 Las Vegas, Nevada 89155-2212 (702) 671-2500 18 State of Nevada 19 CATHERINE CORTEZ MASTO 20 Nevada Attorney General Nevada Bar #003926 21 100 North Carson Street Carson City, Nevada 89701-4717 (775) 684-1265 22 23 24 25 26 Counsel for Appellant Counsel for Respondent 27 28

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### MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

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### POINT I.

### PETITIONER CONTENDS THAT HE RECEIVED A SENTENCE WHICH IS THE FUNCTIONAL EQUIVALENT OF LIFE WITHOUT PAROLE OF OFFENSES COMMITTED BEFORE THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN

Petitioner contends that the Information/Petition this case charged him with having committed several felonies on October 1, 1983 and November 14, 1983. (See exhibit "C")

At the time of the commission of the offenses, petitioner whose birthday is July 17, 1967, was sixteen (16) years of age.

On October 30, 1984, petitioner on separate charges stemming from offenses in the State of California, was convicted by certified Guilty Plea and sentenced to a term of fifty (50) years with half time credit.

On or about September 12, 1988, approximately  $|18||_{ ext{four}}$  years later, petitioner had a jury trial in the 19 State of Nevada, County of Clark, case no. C-84650. (See exhibit "F")

On or about September 15, 1988, petitioner was 22 found guilty of the offenses charged in the Information. 23 (see exhibit "F")

about October 20, On or 1988. petitioner 25 sentenced upon the adjudication of the Jury Verdict to 26 the following sentence: Fourteen (14) consecutive Life 27||Sentences and a consecutive sentence of ninety two years. (See exhibit "E")

After the sentence was pronounced, the Attorney inquired as to whether the sentenced would run concurrent or consecutive to the California sentence? Defense Counsel attempted to argue in opposition of consecutive sentencing and for concurrent sentencing. The sentencing judge elected to impose "consecutive" sentencing to the term already being served in California. (See exhibit "F")

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Petitioner contends that the sentence he received in Nevada (fourteen [14] consecutive life sentences and consecutive sentence of ninety two [92] yrs) is in fact sentence of the function equivalent to Life Parole. Petitioner bases this on the fact that his sentence is "equal in quantity" to the sentence of "Life Without Parole". Each life sentence, bу its consecutive nature would require petitioner to parole each on individual life sentence, prior to the imposition of the next consecutive life sentence. Even if petitioner only had to sentence of five (5) years per each individual life sentence, would still law require petitioner to bе "Life" sentence before the next sentence began. wouldhave process to bе repeated approximately fourteen times for a total of seventy [70] years. (Accordingly if petitioner had to serve an average of ten (10) years per "Life" sentence, the total for fourteen consecutive life sentences would be one hundred and forty (140) years.) Then once the consecutive Life sentences had been served, petitioner would next have to begin serving the consecutive

1 sentence of ninety-two (92) years.

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Furthermore, petitioner contends that to establish compounding effect of this sentence being οf one the Without Parole "functional equivalent" of a Life the sentence, the sentencing court imposed the Nevada sentences to run all "consecutive" to the sentence in California. When the issue of consecutive versus concurrent sentences was addressed, defense counsel made the court fully aware serving a sentence of fifty (50) that petitioner was years with half time credit. Counsel also made the court aware that petitioner would have to serve approximately twenty-five (25) years straight in California. The sentencing court "STILL" elected to impose "Consecutive" sentencing. This decision was made despite the court being cognizant that under such a sentence, petitioner would NEVER PAROLE OR RETURN TO SOCIETY.

Petitioner contends that his sentence has been fully imposed and meant to act as the "functional equivalent" of a Life Without Parole sentence. Petitioner bases this position on the following parallels:

- a.) The sentence of Life Without Parole is one that a court imposes to permanently ban a defendant from society with there being NO OPPORTUNITY FOR PAROLE OR A RETURN TO SOCIETY EVER.
- b.) A sentence which requires a defendant to serve fourteen (14) separate and consecutive life sentences and be found suitable for parole on each sentence, before serving a consecutive sentence of ninety two years, and

[emphasis added] AFTER, the defendant has served twenty-five [25] plus years straight, acts as a Life Without Parole sentence for all practical pursposes without using terminology "Life Without Parole". Essentially, the defendant is banned from society with realistic opportunity no to parole or return to society.

Petitioner contends that his sentence is one with the "Direct" collateral effect of the same consequences that would exist if he had been sentenced with the technical terminology- "Life Without Parole".

is contended that for Thus it a11 practical, 12 | realistic. and reasonably legal purposes, the sentence 13||petitioner received "IS" the "FUNCTIONAL EQUIVALENT" a LIFE WITHOUT PAROLE sentence, and that under such sentence he will NEVER realistically be released.

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### POINT II.

# PETITIONER CONTENDS THAT HIS SENTENCE IS ILLEGAL AND VIOLATES ESTABLISHED STATE CASE LAW PRECEDENCE

Petitioner contends that his sentence is illegal, in it violates established state case law precedence in Nevada. The state case law precedence was based fully upon an analysis and consideration of the U.S. Constitution Eighth Amendment prohibition against Cruel and Unusual Punishment.

The Nevada Supreme Court in the case οf Naovarath v. State 799 P.2d 944 (Nev. 1989) dealt with a situation

where the court had to review the constitutionality of a life sentence imposed on a thirteen (13) year old convicted the Eighth of murder. Applying Amendment prohibition Punishment", the Nevada Court against "Cruel and Unusual concluded that Life Without Parole is a cruel and unusual sentence for a child offender. The court stated in part:

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"We do not question the right of society to some against a child murderer, but given retribution culpability of children undeniably lesser the bad actions, their capactiy for for their society's and special obligation to children willprompted to ask whether almost anyone be juvenile] deserves the degree of retribution represented by the hopelessness of a life sentence without the possibility of parole, even for crime of murder. We conclude that ... life without possibility of parole is excessive for this thirteen year old boy". Id at 948

Naovarath "supra" undertook a close The court in offender characteristics. Proportionality examination of consideration οf the convict's age analysis required state at the time of the crime. his likelv mental sentence cruel and the Finding unusual, court held the different that "children are and should. be judged bу standards from those imposed upon mature adults."

old petitioner, a sixteen year Ιn this case, boy when the offenses occurred received sentence the "FUNCTIONAL EQUIVALENT" of to which tantamount is a "LIFE WITHOUT POSSIBILITY OF PAROLE". There is no realistic already possibility or expectation that a boy who has straight prior served twenty-five (25) years plus for offense (committed in the same time frame) will to "TECHNICALLY"- PAROLE fourteen separate times on consecutive requisite for life sentences, and "THEN" serve the term 17

an additional ninety-two years. Thus it is clear that "NEVER" be released, willpetitioner result as of offenses that occurred before he was eighteen (18)years of age.

Furthermore, petitioner contends that relevant factors have been ignored in this case namely:

- a.) Petitioner was sixteen (16) years of age lat the time of the offense.
- b.) Petitioner's characteristic and capability to reform were never adequately considered.
- c.) Petitioner did not commit the offense of 12 murder and vet his sentence is harsher than adults in 13 Nevada who commit FAR WORSE AND MORE HENIOUS OFFENSES.

petitioner's age Based OΠ at the time the  $15 \parallel$  offense and the sentence he received, in due consideration the established state case law 16 of precedence set forth "supra", petitioner's Naovarath v. State 17 | in sentence 18 is clearly illegal and must be rescinded.

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### POINT III.

### PETITIONER CONTENDS THAT HIS SENTENCE IS ILLEGAL AND VIOLATES THE PROVISIONS OF THE EIGHTH AMENDMENT TO THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

Petitioner contends that his sentence violates the Eighth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

The U.S. Constitution prohibits "Cruel and Unusual Punishment" under the established provision of the Eighth 18

Amendment. This provision is applicable to the states through the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment U.S. Constitution. established of the as in Robinson V. California 370 U.S. 660, 675; see also Newman v. Alabama 559 F.2d 283, 287 (5th cir. 1997)- stating-"[i]t was not until 1962 that the Supreme Court applied the Eighth Amendment to the states through the Fourteenth Amendment.

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Petitioner contends that under the Supreme Court Roper v. Simmons 543 U.S. 551, (2005) - a in reasoning Life Without Parole sentence constitutes "Cruel and Unusual Punishment".

petitioner, a (16)year sixteen Ιn this case. including old boy defendant with а mental history hospitalizations prior to the commission of any offense, impulse control, immaturity and lack of self poor control (including a diagnosis of possible schizophernia) was sentenced to a functional equivalent of Life Without Parole for offenses committed before the age of eighteen.

> "supra", the court held that the death In Roper sentence for juveniles violates the Eighth and Amendment. [id. 578]. The court at Fourteenth "evolving that standard οf reasoned society" the progress of a maturing marks demonstrate that it is disproportionate to execute for a murder committed while defendant defendant is under the age of eighteen. [id at 561 quoting **Trop v. Dulles** 356 U.S. 86, 101 (1958) many opinion).] Even though (plurality laws permitted the imposition οf death sentences juveniles. exercised independent the court on determine whether such judgement to is disproportionate. [id at 564] The court exercised judgement independent bу considering logical and common experience that children under eighteen psychological which all (18)years show of age are less culpable and amenable to rehabilitation adults. [id. at 568-76 The court examined recent studies about brain development and psychology.]

The court concluded that a sentence cannot be imposed on juveniles, if it implies that an offender cannot be rehabilitated.

The court's reasoning in "Roper" applies with equal force to Juvenile Life Without Parole because this sentence, like a death sentence, implies that the juvenile cannot be rehabilitated. Ιn it's analysis, the considered precedents where juveniles were treated differently than adults and took notice of the international covenants in concluding that the Eighth Amendment forbids a juvenile death penalty. [fn. 1/]

> In Roper, supra the court commented on the severity Juvenile Life Without Parole as follows: "it worth noting that the punishment of Life Imprisonment Without the Possibility of Parole itself a severe sanction, in particular for young person." Roper 543 U.S. at 572 (emphasis The thrust of the court's reasoning is aded) juveniles are categorically different than adults in the criminal law context, the courts must consider this categorical difference during sentencing. Court should look at contexts and practices nationally internationally. The consensus is against juvenile life without parole nationally, as wellinternationally.

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Further, similar to the domestic goals of juvenile justice, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, to which the United States is a party, specifically

<sup>-</sup> In November 1959, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Declaration on the Rights of the Child, which recognized that "the child by reason of his physical and mental immaturity, need special safeguard and care, 22 including appropriate legal protection, before as after birth. (See The American Convention on Series no. 36, p. 1, Organization Rights, of American States, Official Record, OEA/Ser.L/V/II.23 signed the OAS oπ November 22, 1969, entered into force July 18, 1978, states in Article 19: "every minor child has the right to the measures of protection required condition as a minor on the part of the family, society 26 and the state.") The United States was one of members of the U.N. General Assembly, which voted unanimously to adopt the Declaration.

acknowledged the need for special treatment of children in the criminal justice system and emphasized the importance of their rehabilitation. (United Nations International Covenant for Civil and Policital Rights, Art. 10 (3), Dec. 16, 1966, 99 U.N.T.S. at 175.)

The Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) "most widely and rapidly ratified human rights in history." The CRC was adopted on treaty November 20. 1989 in New York. It is first international human rights adopt common instrument to ethical and legal framework treatment of incarcerated juveniles. 191 of 193 countries have ratified or accepted the out The Convention. United States and Somalia -(due solely Somalia's lack of recognized government and inability proceed with ratification) are the only two countries not ratified the CRC, the world that have although have signed it. ( By signing the Convention, the both has United States signaled its intention to ratify, but has yet to do so.) As a signatory to the CRC, the not take actions that United States may would defeat the Convention's object and purpose.

The CRC is clear, precise and unambiguous when it comes to sentencing juveniles to Life Without Possibility of Parole. Article 37(a) of the CRC provides that: "Neither life imprisonment punishment nor without possibility of release shall bе imposed for offenses committed by persons below eighteen years of age." 40(1) of the CRC emphasizes that the aim of juvenile justice is the rehabiliation and reintegration of the child into society.

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In Roper, the court drew a bright line for juvenile culpability at eighteen. The court after mentioning certain characteristics such as lack lower level ο£ mental and emotional maturity, development, and inability to make sound judgements crime," made juveniles less culpable for their conclude[d] that the same reasoning applies a11 juvenile offenders under eighteen. (18)". 543 U.S. at 571). Accordingly, sentencing juveniles, who are less culpable for their crime, Without Parole, like adults who to Life commit offenses concludes that similar juveniles never be rehabilitated and such conclusions exceed the bound of decency. The bounds the court created juveniles that are more amenable in Roper are to rehabilitation and it is impossible to determine juveniles beyond [id. that are redemption. 568-75]

Furthermore in the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision of <u>Graham v. Florida</u> 560 U.S. \_\_\_ (2010), the

court held that for a juvenile offender who did not commit homicide, the Eighth Amendment forbids the sentence Life Without Parole. In establishing this new legal doctrine the court drew the line for a categorical rule that avoids the common pitfalls and risks associated with the difficulties of existing categorical rules to define Eighth Amendment standards. The new rule under Graham avoids the that as a result of the difficulties a court or jury will erroneously conclude that a particular is sufficiently culpable to deserve Life Without Parole non homicide. The court addressed the principles relative to the juvenile offenders age in consideration with other factors [national concensus; community concensus; juvenile culpability; severity of sentences; penological justifications; retribution; deterrence; incapacitation and rehabilitation.]

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and extensive consideration, After careful court ultimately found in favor of the juvenile offender, ruling a Life Without Parole sentence essentialy that for a non-homicide makes the judgement that a juvenile is incorrigible. Yet "It is dificult even for psychologists to differentiate between the juvenile offender whose crime reflects unfortunate yet transient immaturity and the rare juvenile offender whose crime reflects irreparable corruption." quoting Roper, supra at 573. The court found further that a Life Without Parole sentence improperly denies the juvenile offender a chance to demonstrate growth and maturity. The court acknowledged that developments in psychology and brain science continue to show fundamental differences between juvenile and adult minds. For example, parts of the brain involved in behavior control to mature through adolescence. The court found that the Constitution prohibits the imposition of a Life Without Parole sentence on a juvenile offender who did not commit homicide.

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In the case at bar, petitioner who was a juvenile offender was sentenced to a sentence which ensures that he is never released from prison, (i.e. - a Life Without Parole functional equivalent sentence for offense(s) committed as a sixteen year old juvenile).

Ιn Graham, supra, the court ultimately that because "[t]he age of 18 is the point where society, draws, the line for many purposes between childhood adulthood," and those who age when the offense was committed may not be sentenced to Life Without Parole for a non-homicide. Roper 543 U.S. at 547

Petitioner was sixteen at the time of the offenses and accordingly cannot legally be sentenced in any manner which will result in a Life Without Parole sentence, such as would occur and exist with a sentence that consists of fourteen (14) consecutive Life Sentences and an additional consecutive term of ninety-two (92) years.

Lastly in Graham, supra, the court "the Constitution prohibits the imposition of a Life Without Parole sentence on a juvenile who did commit offender not homicide. state need not guarantee the offender eventual release. if it imposes a sentence οf life, it must provide him or her some realistic opportunity to obtain release before the end of that term."

In petitioner's case, the fourteen (14) consecutive Life Sentences and consecutive term of ninety-two (92)

years provide petitioner realistic does not with anv opportunity to obtain release before the end of his term.

Accordingly, petitioner's sentence violates the Eighth Amendment to the Constitution and cannot stand.

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### POINT IV.

PETITIONER CONTENDS THAT HIS EXCESSIVE SENTENCE WHICH IS THE FUNCTIONAL EQUIVALENT OF JUVENILE LIFE WITHOUT PAROLE VIOLATES THE PRINCILPLE OF REHABILITATION AND DID NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT HIS MENTAL STATUS AS A JUVENILE NOR HIS POTENTIAL FOR REFORM AND REHABILITATION

it is established that Petitioner contends that when it comes juvenile offenders, the law must promote to Life Without rehabilitation. The sentence οf Juvenile FUNCTIONAL EQUIVALENT) Parole OR THE frustrates this juvenile goal. Life Imprisonment denies hope to the who has the ability to improve their behavior and character.

> Virginia 536 304, The Atkins V. court in "diminished the reasoned that ability 302 (2002)process and information, to learn to understand experience. engage in logical reasoning, from to to impulses" makes defendants control or somewhat Juveniles are analogous morally culpable. retarded defendants (using mentally the extent that out in Atkins) to set factors understand lesser ability to juveniles have from experience process information, to learn (by their definition, their experiences are limited), children are often unable to engage in logical which is why they are excluded reasoning, participating in many civil and political activities granted to adults. Children do not have the ability as well as adults. The impulses control "supra" found that juveniles Roper in behavior, irresponsible susceptible immature tο negative behavior, influences, peer lack control over their immediate surroundings. and diminished the culpability οf

the harsh Life Without Parole sentence does from committing crime deter them categorically, they cannot comprehend the of the sentence. It is a well established principle combination οf age, immaturity, inability to understand consequences οf their actions makes juvenile less culpable, juvenile Life Without Parole sentences are completely inconsistent with this principle. A majority οf world acknowledge people in the civilized (or that at least do not violently disagree) that children cannot fully appreciate or understand rest of their lives behind their criminality because they dо not have the same maturity, judgment or emotional development as adults.

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this case, petitioner was not merely a sixteen oldjuvenile аt the time οf the offense(s), he was also a troubled teen who had a questionable mental history. Petitioner at the age of 15 had been hospitalized two mental health facilities prior to the commission of offense(s). During the hospitalizations, physicians was described bу treating as being time of control teen with poor bomb and out impulse control. These factors further contribute to the fact that petitioner's mental status and culpability should have been taken into strong consideration, and should have been investigated. Petitioner wasn't merely an immature juvenile, but was further an immature juvenile with poor impulse control, had been hospitalized for his poor impulse concerns. The mere fact that petitioner had been hospitalized demonstrates that he was acting under a more severe form of diminished culpability than the average juvenile. The fact that shortly after his discharge petitioner ended up arrested for conduct similar to that which formed the basis of his hospitalizations (poor impulse control) shows that petitioner received far less than his day in court, and that the court DID NOT IN ANY WAY take into account his mental history.

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> capable of change are more "Juveniles adults and their actions are less likely to be character" depraved irretrievably οf evidence Roper, 543 U.S. the actions of adults. than are "[f]rom a moral that true remains 570. Ιt at equate the misguided to bе would standpoint it failings of a minor with those of an adult, a greater possibility exist that a minor's character deficiencies will be reformed." Ibid.

> court found that "supra" the Graham, Ιn will die he sentence guarantees "Graham's" opportunity to without meaningful prison any might no matter what he release, obtain bad acts he committed that the demonstrate οf his representative not are teenager next half the he spends if even character, his crime and to atone for century attempting The State from his mistakes. learns later demonstrate that chance to fit to rejoin society based solely on a nonhomicide while he was committed hе that the law. This the Eighth Amendment in the eyes of does not permit.

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27 28 to learn from his mistakes and to improve his moral character by maturing, developing a strong sense of self, identity, and comprehending the difference between right and wrong. The sentence petitioner received denied him any chance to demonstrate he is fit to rejoin society.

Petitioner further contends that the did court not take into account his potential for reform and rehabilitation. Despite being in prison under an illegal Life Without Parole (FUNCTIONAL sentence of EQUIVALENT) hope of ever being released, petitioner "STILL" himself of availed every opportunity to reform himself developed characteristics indicative of his emerging maturity. 0ver the last 26 plus years that petitioner has been incarcerated, he has applied himself and acquired numerous accolades. Petitioner was disciplinary free for approximately the last 13 years or so of his incarceration as an indication of his ability to control his behavior. Petitioner also acquired: A GED Certificate; College Degree (with honors); completed an entire Business curriculum; inducted was into National a Honor Society: graduated with honors from a Legal Assistant/Paralegal curriculum; earned twenty-five minor certificates in independant studies, and a major certificate in Professional Developement in Emergency Management from the Federal Emergency Management (F.E.M.A.);and further Agency earned certificates in to Violence Alternatives (Basic and Advanced), Anger Management, Stress Management, The Impact-Victim Awareness Program, Cage Your Rage, Parenting, Fatherhood, Entrepreneur Salesmanships; Laubach Literacy Tutoring, Substance Abuse, Decision Making & Problem Solving, Leadership & Influence, Effective Communication and many more. Petitioner acquired approximately one hundred accolades throughout years, including a commendation from a Warden for his positive role model and conflict resolution skills/efforts between staff and prisoners. (See exhibit "Q") This

case presents factors that demonstrate, petitioner has become the epitome of a troubled juvenile who displayed the capacity for change and rehabilitation. Petitioner accomplished all οf his accolades despite facing the prospect of living with a sentence that promotes the antithesis of rehabilitation. Instead of being discouraged reforming himself, petitioner from seized EVERY LIMITED OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE to find his own self redemption and rehabilitation. Therefore, the court's refusal to consider petitioner's potential for reform acted to compound the already egregious nature of disregarding the petitioner's juvenile culpability in this case.

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PETITIONER CONTENDS THAT THE SUSPENSION OF HIS HABEAS CORPUS PRIVILEGE FOR TWENTY-TWO YEARS VIOLATED HIS CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS UNDER THE NEVADA CONSTITUTION AND THE SIXTH AND FOURTEENTH U.S. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT RIGHTS TO A SPEEDY TRIAL DUE PROCESS OF LAW AND EQUAL PROTECTION OF THE LAW

"No person shall be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law." Constitution of the State of Nevada, Article 1, sec. 8 (5)

The Sixth Amendment to the Constitution U.S. states:"In all criminal prosecutions the accused enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State district wherein the crime shall have committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed nature and cause οf the accusations; confronted with the witnesses against him, to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses favor and to have the Assistance Counsel for his defense."

The Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, section 1 states:" All persons born or naturalized in the United States and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens in the United and of the state wherein they reside. No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge privilege or immunities of citizens United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the law."

"Habeas Corpus proceedings are the proper mechanism for a prisoner to challenge the 'legality or duration' of confinement. [Citation ommitted] A civil rights action, in contrast, is the proper method of challenging "conditions of confinement". Babea x. Cox 931 F.2d 573 (9th Cir. 1991)

The Writ of Habeas Corpus is the safeguard of personal liberations and there is no higher duty than to maintain it unimpaired." Peyton v. Rowe 301 U.S. 54, 20 L.Ed. 2d. 426

"The purpose of federal habeas corpus review

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is to ensure that individuals are not imprisoned in violation of the U.S. Constitution." Herrera v. Collins 506 U.S. 390; Barefoot v. Estelle 463 U.S. 809 (1983).

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states:" Nevada Revised Statue (NRS) § 34.360 Every person unlawfully committed, detained, or restrained confined his of liberty, may pretense whatever, prosecute a writ habeas corpus to inquire into the cause of such imprisonment or restraint."

"the Petitioner contends that under Habeas 1867" οf NRS. 34.360. οf and the provisions Act federal and had both а state court right to pursue a habeas corpus inquiry into the legality of his imprisonment or restraint.

petitioner that the Furthermore asserts οf the Equal Protection Clause οf the interpretation U.S. Amendment the Constitution to means Fourteenth be treated the same as other that he has a right to similarly situated prisoners and that under the provisions of the Supreme Court decision in Plyer v. Doe 457 U.S. 202 (1982), even illegal aliens have the constitutional right to equal protection of the law.

> "supra" the court stated its decision Plyer, In "The concluding that: Fourteenth Amendment 'deprive any person provides that no state shall of life, liberty or property, without due process nor deny to any person within law; laws'. the equal protection of the jurisdiction The court rejected the argument that undocumented because of their immigration aliens, within are not persons the jurisdiction the state, therefore have no right to found protection of the law. The court is surely a "person" in any ordinary alien an concluded The court of that term. sense whose aliens even presence Aliens. is unlawful, have long been recognized country "persons" guaranteed due process of law b y Fifth and Fourteenth Amendment. See Mezei 345 U.S. 206, 212 also Shaughnessy ٧.

(1953); Wong Wing v. United States 163 U.S. 228, 238, (1896); Yick Wo v. Hopkins 118 U.S. 356, 369 (1886)

petitioner contends that equal protection of the laws under the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution is a clause that applies a11 to "PERSONS" under the jurisdiction of the laws of the United States, including aliens. However, petitioner, who is clearly entitled to the protections afforded Constitution, asserts by the in his case, not only were his habeas corpus privileges suspended for twenty-two he was denied vears, but also that Due Process and Equal Protection of Law as a result.

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Article 1, sec. 9, cl. 2 of the Constitution of the United States states as follows: SUSPENSION OF HABEAS CORPUS- "The privilege of Writ of Habeas Corpus shall not be suspended unless in cases of rebellion or invasion, the public safety may require it."

## A. SUSPENSION OF THE HABEAS CORPUS PRIVILEGE VIOLATING EQUAL PROTECTION OF THE LAW-

Petitioner contends that he was found guilty by a jury verdict on October 20, 1988. After the conviction, petitioner accordingly submitted his direct appeal and a simultaneous Petition For Post Conviction Relief the Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark to County, Nevada. The Petition for Post Conviction Relief was denied and petitioner subsequently submitted a Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus to the Nevada Supreme Court. The Habeas Petition was submitted to address certain matters which were not contained in the record on appeal, namely denial of a fair trial and ineffective assistance of counsel for numerous reasons including the failure 3 4 5

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to raise evidence of a mental issue before the court. Petitioner contends that essential to habeas review is the ability to offer evidence outside the record and that without a full habeas review these matters would not appear or be appropriately considered.

The appeal proceeded to be heard by the court, however, the Habeas Petition was denied by the Nevada Supreme Court on December 27, 1988 citing a lack of jurisdiction under the Nevada Constitution to consider the Habeas Petition. Despite repeated attempts by petitioner to explain that he would not be in the physical custody Nevada until 2010, the court indicated that habeas could not be heard until petitioner was in the physical custody of Nevada. In essence petitioner placed the position of having his habeas in privilege suspended from 1988 until 2010, as the state court would not be able to entertain the habeas petition until 2010. Petitioner contends that the indirect suspension of his privilege to file a habeas corpus to challenge the legality of the restraint of his liberty rights removed from him the habeas privilege that "all other prisoners" including illegal and/or undocumented "aliens" are and have been entitled to for the past twenty-two years. Under the indicated circumstances, petitioner has been denied equal protection of the laws.

As a prisoner in the United States, suffering from a criminal conviction, petitioner was entitled to be treated the same as all other prisoners who chose

to contest the legality of the restraint of their liberty 1 rights. The Habeas Act οf 1867 2 available to allpersons in the United States choosing 3 challenge the legality of their restraint. 4 in petitioner's case, habeas review that all other the 5 United States are entitled, was denied persons in the 6 to him through fault of his own. Specifically, the no 7 protection of a habeas review to challenge the confinement 8 as available to all persons in the United States was 9 denied to petitioner for twenty-two years. 10 factor, petitioner this contends that 11 equal protection of the law. 12

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Petitioner further contends that to substantiate his Equal Protection claim he points to the following comparison for the "similarly situated" requirement fourteenth amendment. Petitioner is the similarly situated with all persons and/or prisoners οf both genders, legal citizens or undocumented aliens are placed in a position where they have been subjected to restraint of their liberty rights and/or period of confinement and chose to challenge the of the restraint via a habeas corpus review. Ιf a11 other persons in the United States have an entitlement have a prompt habeas review of their confinement, then to subject petitioner to a different standard treatment denies him the equal protection οf law that he is entitled to.

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Petitioner further states that suspension clause violation does not arise unless а statutory provision effectively prevents petition from а being the merits of his or her claims as long heard on habeas petitioners have an opportunity to be heard on the merits in some judicial forum.

"Finding no constitutional suspension of the Great Writ when a substitute procedure is available "which is neither inadequate nor ineffective to test that legality of a person's detention." <a href="Swain v. Pressley">Swain v. Pressley</a> 430 U.S. 372, 17 S. Ct. 1224, 51 L.Ed.2d 411 (1997)

"Congress therefore must offer a "collateral remedy which is neither inadequate nor ineffective to test the legality of a person's detention". Swain supra; The substitute remedy must offer the same scope of review as a habeas proceeding. Id at 381-82, 97 S. Ct. 1224.

# B. SUSPENSION OF THE HABEAS CORPUS VIOLATING DUE PROCESS OF LAW

"No person shall be deprived of life liberty or property without due process of law." Constitution of the State of Nevada , Article 1 sec. 8 (5).

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Petitioner contends that the suspension of his privilege to have a habeas review of the legality of restraint οf his liberty rights denied him his right to both procedural and substantive due process of law.

#### 1.) PROCEDURAL DUE PROCESS

Petitioner contends that to establish a Due Process violation a two prong approach must be utilized which requires demonstration of 1) Was there an actual deprivation of life liberty, or property? and 2) Did it occur without due process of law?

Petitioner contends that personal liberty is guaranteed by implication in the constitutional recognition to preserve the writ of habeas corpus. Habeas Corpus is a determination by a judicial power of any question of interference with personal liberty, such as when an executive authority acts in violation of civil rights. Ιn such а proceeding, it must bе determined the interference with an individual's liberty is Therefore, the constitutional recognition the court's power to inquire into the question of unlawful restraint is also a constitutional recognition of individual liberty as а civil right. Thus the issue of personal liberty civil right is well founded. Petitioner asa to whether the denial of this now turns right without due process of law.

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Petitioner contends that in this case, component ťο be addressed relative to the procedural process claims deals with the unreviewed issues raised in the prior attempt to have the claims raised. the previous petition, the claims raised were Petitioner was denied effective assistance of counsel and deprived the constitutional right to a fair trial. These issues are germane to petitioner's due process claim because the denial of the prior claims (as result of the suspension of the habeas corpus) issues unaddressed and unreviewed for approximately twenty-two years. These prior issues are relevant because they directly deal with the challenge to the legality of the restraint of personal liberty rights which were never heard. The main crux of the petition was a claim of ineffective assistance of counsel raised bу components: a.) Trial Counsel failed to file any motions for the sentencing hearing considering the errors committed before, during after trial. and [e.g.- violation constitutional protection during a juvenile certification hearing relative to age factors, time delay, and claim of insanity during the time frame of the alleged crimes; failure to prepare for the case due to counsel's appointment one day before preliminary examination and not having the chance to investigate possible insanity; failing counsel address to inappropriate and unfair identification proecdures; counsel failing to address petitioner's jail garb on the day of the jusy select:

counsel failing to contest untested witness testimony case in another state; counsel's failure from motion for mistrial/new trial; counsel file a failing object to consecutive sentencing.] By suspending petitioner's habeas privilege, these claims were only never addressed, but petitioner has had to live with the restraint of his personal liberty rights resulting in a sentence tantamount to a Functional Equivlent Life Without Parole for offenses committed before of the age of eighteen without the right or opportunity to habeas review.

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the face of evidence the very least, in Αt petitioner's prior hospitalizations in two separate of mental health institutions, [as a juvenile and immediately the offense(s) indicating the commission of prior to of petitioner's mens real, petitioner was a question his mental issue as entitled to a prompt review οf reflects on the legality of his restraint which should have been provided by Habeas Corpus.

Habeas Corpus provides a prompt, speedy remedy or adjudication of a prisoner's right to liberation from illegal restraint. Preiser v. Rodriguez 411 U.S. 475, 36 L.Ed.2d 439.

The Writ of Habeas Corpus is the appropriate remedy in which to raise the claim of ineffective assistance of counsel. <u>United States v. Cronic</u> 80 L.Ed.2d 657.

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#### 2.) SUBSTANTIVE DUE PROCESS

Petitioner contends that the substantive component the due process clause forbids "arbitrary infringement" οf certain personal immunities that are implicit the concept of ordered liberty or that shock the conscience.

> " We have long recognized that the Amendment's Process Clause like it's fifth amendment counterpart, guarantees more than fair The clause also includes a substantive component provides heightened protection governmental interference with certain fundamental and liberty interests. Washington v. Glucksberg 521 U.S. 702, 117 S.Ct. 2258 (1997); Trovel v. Granville 520 U.S. 57, 120 S.Ct. 2054; 147 L.Ed.2d 49 (2000)

> Glucksberg supra, the Supreme forth 2 elements of the substantive due process analysis. First, the court noted we have regularly observed that the Due Process Clause specifically protects the fundamental rights liberties and which are 'deeply rooted in this nations history tradition' and implicit in the concept of ordered liberty, "such that" neither liberty nor justice would exist if they were sacrificed. Second, we have required in substantive process cases a "careful description" of the asserted fundamental liberty interests.

> Furthermore in Glucksberg, the court that the full scope of the liberty guaranteed by the Due Process Clause cannot be found or limited by the precise terms of the specific guarantees elsewhere provided in the Constitution. This liberty is not a series of isolated points pricked out in terms of the taking of property; the fredom of speech, press and religion; right to keep and bear arms; the freedom from unreasonable searches and seizures and so It is a rational continuum which, broadspeaking includes a freedom from all substantial arbitrary impositions and purposeless restraints, which also recognizes, what a reasonable sensitive judgment must, that certain interests require particularly careful scrutiny state's need asserted to justify their abridgement.

> To sustain a claim for violation of substantive due process government action must: (1) interefere 38

"with rights implicit in the concept of ordered liberty." <u>U.S. v. Salerno</u> 481 U.S. 739, 746, 107 S.Ct. 2095, 95 L.Ed.2d 697 (1987) (2) "shock the conscience" <u>Rochin v. California</u> 342 U.S. 72 S.Ct. 205, 96 L.Ed. 165, 172, 183 (1952); in arbitrary (3) bе the constitutional Collins v. City sense. of Harbor Height 115, 129, 122 S.Ct. 1061, 117 L.Ed.2d 261. (1992)

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"A plaintiff must establish that he has a 'legitmate claim of entitlement' to the right being asserted. Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe v. City of Fallon (D. Nev. 2001) 174 F. Supp. 2d 1096

The fundamental requirement of due process is the opportunity to be heard at a meaningful time and in a meaningful manner- quoting Armstrong v. Manzo 380 U.S. 545, 552, 85 S. Ct. 1187, 14 L.Ed.2d 62 (1965)

To that extent petitioner asserts the following:

(1) Petitioner has a legitimate claim of entitlement the right of personal liberty as outlined in the Constitutional Fourteenth Amendment. (2) U.S. Liberty is guaranteed by implication in the constitutional recognition to preserve the writ οf habeas corpus. (3) The Writ of Habeas Corpus has а long established historical and traditional root in the scheme οf both American and English Law (which the foundation principles of American Law derived from). Ιn England previously regarded it was asthe legal protection ofthe right to personal liberty. (4) Habeas a determination by a judicial power of any question interference with personal liberty, such an executive authority acts in violation of civil rights. In such proceeding, it must be determined whether the interference with individual liberty is valid. Therefore, the constitutional recognition of the court's power

the question of unlawful to inquire into restraint a constitutional recognition of individual is liberty as а civil right. (5) Petitioner has a right have the opportunity to be heard at а meaningful meaningful manner. The and in а suspension time petitioner's ability to test the legality of the restraint personal liberty via habeas corpus pursuit his of twenty two years cannot possibly act as providing either a hearing at a meaningful time or in a meaningful manner.

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these factors, petitioner Based οn asserts he has a personal liberty right protected by enforced bу the court's recognition Constitution and of habeas corpus to contest any encroachment upon this remove and/or suspend petitioner's habeas right. To corpus privilege acts to work arbitrarily and contradictorily constitutionsal sense in the to this right. Habeas Corpus is a right implicit in the core concept of ordered fundamentals of liberty and the preserving personal liberty without encroachment by governmental interference. Furthermore, to remove or suspend the petitioner's most fundamentally protected right/privilege to contest personal liberty, infringment of his and subject any continued illegal restraint without the him ability to contest this restraint acts to "shock the conscience" and core element of due process of law where personal liberty interests are involved.

Petitioner contends that his substantive due process rights have been violated in this case and that

he is entitled to a reversal of his conviction accordingly.

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#### POINT VI.

# PETITIONER CONTENDS THAT HE WAS DENIED EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE OF COUNSEL BASED ON THE FAILURE TO INVESTIGATE HIS MENTAL HEALTH HISTORY AS A DEFENSE OR MITIGATION FACTORS AT SENTENCING

In McMann v. Richardson 397 U.S. 759, 771,  $\frac{1}{n}$ . 14, 90 S.Ct. 1441, 25 L.Ed.2d 763 (1970)-the Supreme Court declared that the right to counsel is the right to effective assistance of counsel.

A criminal defendant is entitled to the effective assistance ο£ counsel at all critical stages οf the proceedings. Iowa Tovar ٧. 541 U.S. 80-81. S.Ct. 1379, 124 158 L.Ed.2d (2004)-The Supreme Court has held actual jail time has sixth amendment amount of significance implicating the right to effective assistance. Argersinger Hamlin V. 407 92 S.Ct. 2006, 32 L.Ed.2d 530 (1972). sentencing for even non-capital offenses implicates effective assistance of counsel. right to see e.g. Glover v. U.S. 531 U.S. 198, 121 S.Ct. 696, 148 L.Ed.2d 604 (2001)

Petitioner contends that under clearly established federal law a prisoner is entitled to reversal of a conviction if he or she can demonstrate (1) that counsel's representation fell below an objective standard of reasonable representation", and (2) that he or she was thereby prejudiced. Strickland v. Washington 466 U.S. 668, 104 S.Ct. 2052. 80 674 (1984)Counsel has а duty tο make reasonable investigation or to make a reasonable decision a particular investigation unnecessary. In most any ineffective assistance of counsel case, a particular decision to investigate must be directly assessed for reasonableness

in all of the circumstances..." Id at 691. Thus petitioner must satisfy the first prong of Strickland by demonstrating the defense counsel "unreasonably" failed to investigate mitigating factors and/or other sentencing considerations before the court sentenced petitioner.

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At the time of the trial, counsel for petitioner was well aware of the fact that: (1) Petitioner was 16 years of age when the offenses occurred. (2) Petitioner mental health history including two had a prior hospitalizations in mental health institutions prior arrest. Counsel was aware of the mental health to his factors, because they were inclusive as a factor in a motion for speedy trial violation that petitioner composed and counsel presented to the court immediately preceding the start of the trial.

"The legal capacity to commit a crime is an essential element of responsibility, and no one can be held responsible for an act or even be guilty of a crime unless he has sufficient capacity, mental and otherwise to commit it." Wells v. California 94 L.Ed. 510, 338 U.S. 836.

"Without a criminal intent, there is no crime and without the mental capacity for it, there can be no criminal intent." State v. Jensen 352 U.S. 948, 1 L.Ed.2d 241.

"One who suffers from insanity at the time of the commission of the offense charged, cannot in a legal sense entertain a criminal intent."

Fox v. State of Nevada 316 P.2d 924, 73 Nev. 241 and cannot be held criminally responsible for his acts and statutes providing that insanity shall be no defense to a criminal charge would be invalid.

"As the term is used in connection with the of insanity, by whatever test it may be ascertained, may be said to the bе that quantity ofdegree mental disorder or

relieves one of criminal responsibility of his actions." citing "Sollars v. State of Nevada 316 P.2d 917, 73 Nev. 248.

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"The term "mental irresponsibility" as used alternatively with "insanity" in criminal statutes, means something less than total or permanent insanity." State v. Rio 230 P.2d 308.

Yet the cognizance, there despite is record to reflect that counsel conducted in the any relevant sentencing considerations investigation into [i.e.- petitioner's age or mental health history to mitigate the excessive and illegal sentence that he received. there is пo evidence whatsoever that counsel In fact conducted any investigation at all into the mental health Moreover, counsel did not interview any of the history. mental health expert witnesses from the institution where to the commission petitioner was treated prior of the his mental health issues and poor impulse offenses for control. Most egregious, is that , counsel made no effort to raise these issues [e.g. Petitioner's age, and prior mental health hospitalization- before ever being charged with a crime at any point during the trial or sentencing, despite having clear knowledge of the existence of issues.

The United States Supreme Court in the case of Gardner v. Florida 430 U.S. 358, 51 L.Ed.2d 402 ruled that effective assistance of counsel at sentencing, as at other stages, requires zealous and not merely perfunctory of Pro Forma representation.

"Counsel ineffective in not obtaining and was and presenting independent expert testimony medical evidence." Sanders independent V. 1994) 21 F.3d 1446, 1456 (9th Cir. Ratelle



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Remarkably it appears as though counsel undertook no investigation at all into petitioner's background, expert witnesses the credibility of or who could have painted petitioner in a sympathetic light. Had counsel undertaken an adequate investigation (or any investigation into petitioner's background and other mitigating at all) factors. it seems inconceivable that counsel would have allowed petitioner to be sentenced to such an excessive illegal sentence for offenses committed before the and age οf 18 without any evidence or raising available factors. Likewise mitigating it is extremely unlikely that a jury, aware of petitioner's age and history of treatment in two mental health facilities as a juvenile mental issues and poor impulse control immediately preceding the arrest for the offenses as mitigating factors in this case, would have recommended to sentence petitioner to such an extreme sentence. Most significantly, it extremely uncommon for a 16 year old to receive a Life Without Parole or the functional equivalent sentence as excessive punishment in violation of the Eighth Amendment's prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment juveniles who commit even the crime of murder prior to attaining 18 years of age.

In fact, in the year following the petitioner's sentence, the Nevada Supreme Court decided and set state law precedence in <u>Naovarath v. State</u> 779 P.2d 944 (Nev. 1989) which barred the sentence of Life Without Parole for juveniles [who commit even the crime of murder prior

to the age of 18] as excessive punishment in violation of the Eighth Amendment's prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment.

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In order to satisfy the first prong of Strickland, petitioner bears the burden of demonstrating that light of the circumstances, the identified acts or omissions were "outside the range of professionally competent assistance." Id at 690. Petitioner has met this burden. Counsel's failure to undertake "any investigation at into [petitioner's mental health all" issues and age] to raise the significant mitigating factors and failed before petitioner received a sentence in violation the U.S. Constitution's Eighth Amendment cannot be explained as a tactical decision where counsel raised literally no mitigation factors.

As previously stated, there is almost no possibility that a jury would have imposed a Life Without Parole [functional equivalent] sentence in view of petitioner's age, background and mental health history. For these reasons, it is unlikely that petitioner would have been subjected to an illegal sentence. But for counsel's failure to investigate, petitioner would have been able to receive a more constitutionally sound sentence.

This case is similar in nature to another recent decision in the Federal Ninth Circuit. Petitioner hereby presents that case in accordance with applicable Ninth Circuit Rules. Pursuant to Ninth Circuit Rule 36 (c)(ii), petitioner hereby makes a collateral showing of a court

decision in a case under the Ninth Circuit jurisdiction with similar factors.

See Davis De1 Papa 84 Fed. 988 (D. ٧. Appx 2004) In that case Davis filed а Writ of Habeas Corpus challenging his 1988 guilty plea conviction and life sentence without parole for First Degree murder. Moreover, Davis contended defense counsel was ineffective failing (1)him of to: advise his right perfect an appeal on his behalf; (2) file motions on his behalf prior to the entry of his guilty pleas and (3) conduct an independent investigation and/or prepare a meaningful defense.

Specifically Davis contended that his Davis's statement to the police was aware that could not support charge of first а degree that evidence felony murder and there was no that defense in the record counsel conducted investigation into other relevant sentencing considerations. Namely that there was no indication counsel: that defense was aware ofthe fact adult Davis had пo prior record; investigation into the background of the victim did not interview any witnesses to the crime; egregiously may not have been and most Davis was only 16 years of age time of the offense.

The court found that counsel undertook into Davis' investigation аt all background, victim's background, or the credibility of witnesses who could paint Davis in a sympathetic light. Had defense counsel undertaken an adequate investigation (or any investigation аt into Davis's age, background or other mitigating factors. it seems inconceivable that defense counsel would have advised Davis to accept sentence of Life Without Possibility of Parole. The court also found most significantly. uncommon for 16 extremely year olds receive the death penalty. The court reversed with directions for conviction remand further proceedings.

Based upon the illustrated contentions as disclosed above petitioner asserts that counsel was ineffective and he has satisfied both prongs of an ineffective assistance of counsel claim as required by Strickland "supra".

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#### POINT VII.

# PETITIONER CONTENDS THAT IT WAS PLAIN ERROR FOR THE COURT NOT TO ADDRESS HIS CONSTITUTIONALLY PROTECTED RIGHT TO SPEEDY TRIAL AND THAT FURTHER CUMULATIVE ERRORS IN THIS CASE HAVE VIOLATED HIS DUE PROCESS RIGHTS

Petitioner contends that in this case the denial of his speedy trial right was plain error and further that the cumulative error(s) in his case subjected to a denial of due process and unfair proceedings.

Petitioner asserts that it was plain trial right at deny his speedy trial and cumulative the opportunity error to denv him to have his speedy trial claim heard for twenty-two (22) years.

> Under the plain error standard "to secure reversal" a defendant must prove that (1) there was error. (2) The error was plain, and (3) the U.S. affected substantial rights. Geston ٧. 29 F.3d 1130 [C.A. 9 (cal) 2002; U.S. 176 F.3d1214, 1219 (9th Cir. 1999) U.S. V . Turman 122 F.3d 1167, 1170 (9th Cir. 1997) citing U.S. v. Olano 507 U.S. 725, 730-32, S.Ct. 1774, 123 L.Ed.2d 113 508 (1993) this standard a conviction can bе only if viewed in the context οf the entire that impropriety trial, seriously affected the fairness, integrity or public reputation judicial procedings or where failing reverse a conviction would result in a miscarriage justice". U.S. v. Tanh ofHuu Lan 251 852, 861 (9th Cir. 2001)

#### PLAIN ERROR

Petitioner incorporates by reference at this point the procedural history of the case in this matter relative to the speedy trial factors.

Petitioner asserts that it is clear that the Sixth Amendment guarantees that "[i]n all criminal

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prosecutions the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy Such a right is fundamental and trial. exist not just ensure "that all accused persons be treated according to decent and fair proceedings", Barker v. Wingo U.S. 514, 92 S.Ct. 2182, 33 L.Ed.2d 101 (1992), but also because there is a societal interest in providing a speedy trial which exists separate from and at times in opposition to the interests of the accused". Id at 519, 92 S.Ct. 2182.

> "In assessing the merits of the claimed violation the Sixth Amendment Speedy Trial courts are to conduct a balancing test involving separate factors: the length of the delay, four the defendant's assertion οf the right the prejudice to the defendant. Barker at 407 U.S. 529, 92 S.Ct. 2182. The court found in that case - we must determine "whether [the] delay before trial was uncommonly long, the government or the criminal defendant blame for the delay, whether in due course, the defendant asserted his right a speedy trial and whether he suffered prejudice as the delay's result. Doggett v. U.S. U.S. 647, 112 S.Ct. L.Ed.2d 2686, 120 520, (1992).We regard none of the four factors identified above as either a necessary of sufficient condition to the finding of a deprivation of right to a speedy trial . Rather they are related factors and must be considered together with such other circumstances as may be relevant. Barker 407 U.S. at 533, 92 S.Ct. 2182.

Turning the first Barker criterion, to "the length of delay" petitioner asserts the following. Petitioner initially charged with the acts mentioned in the information in 1983, and was actually arrested by officials from Nevada in 1984 while in the custody of the California Juvenile Hall- Los Angeles County. Petitioner was incarcerated in California from Dec. 1983 until September 2010. Nevada

Prosecuting Officials made discernible no attempts petitioner's presence in secure Nevada to stand before the court for the charges in the information until 1986 (three years later). When this attempt to extradite petitioner was conducted, Nevada Officials(even after continuance to purportedly secure the necessary evidence) failed to present any evidence to substantiate that petitioner was the person wanted for the charges in the information. The California Officials denied the Extradition Request informing the Nevada Officials that they could resubmit their request when they had the necessary evidence for an extradition request. Nevada Officials made no immediately secure the evidence necessary extradition at all. Another two year period went by before the Nevada Officials sought to extradite petitioner the charges. Despite being charged in 1983 and incarcerated, with the Nevada Officials knowing petitioner's whereabouts prison], petitioner was not taken to trial 1988. Thus there was a substantial period of delay in this case for petitioner to bе brought to trial. delay in this case 'exceeded the threshold minimum for a speedy trial.

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Doggett v. U.S. 505 U.S. 647, 112 S.Ct. 2686. 120 L.Ed2d 520 (1992) the court "depending on the nature of the charges, the lower courts have generally found post accusation delay presumptively prejudice at least as it approached one year. Id. at 652, n.1, 112 S.Ct. 2686. Notable in this circuit we have that a six month delay constitutes a "borderline case". (see <u>U.S.</u> v Valentine 783 F.3d 1417 (9th Cir. 1986)

Turning to the second Barker criterion, "the

1 reason for the delay" petitioner addresses the following 2(1) Petitioner was points: incarcerated from the time 3 initially charged by the State ofNevada. (2) 4 Nevada Officials filed/lodged a detainer hold on petitioner 5 in 1984. (3) Nevada Officials have known that petitioner 6 was and would be incarcerated in California for several 7 years. (See exhibit P) (4) Despite knowing his location, 8 Nevada Officials failed to secure petitioner's presence 9 in Nevada for the charges until several years later. 10 (5) Despite having a duty to prosecute the case and 11 prior denial οf the request for extradition in 1986, 12 the Nevada Officials waited until 1988, after petitioner filed a Motion to Dismiss the charges for a speedy trial 13 violation before they 14 sought to extradite him again. 15 Thus it is clear there was no real discernible nor logical officials to reason for 16 wait years before bringing to stand for the charged offenses. The state 17 defendant government did not conduct a reasonable diligent prosecution 18 regarding the extradition, despite knowing the petitioner's 19 20 whereabouts. The government and not the defendant the obligation to prosecute a case. 21

In <u>Doggett</u>, supra the court held that "we should presume prejudice only if the defendant is not responsible for the delay. (Id. at 1457)

Turning tο the third Barker criterion, assertion of the right, petitioner points to the following: Petitioner was a minor when initially charged with the offenses. Petitioner had по knowledge οf the need assert the right to speedy trial, as he did not really

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comprehend what this right was. When petitioner did learn what this right was years later, he did file a Motion Dismiss the charges for the violation of his To right to a Speedy Trial. The filing of this motion, clearly indicates that there was an assertion of this right this case. It wasn't until petitioner filed this motion that the prosecution fully pursued petitioner's extradition and had him in Nevada shortly thereafter.

> Barker supra, the court found that "courts are not to infer a waiver from the mere silence on the part of a defendant in demanding a speedy trial; rather such silence is [but] one factors to be considered the in an inquiry into the deprivation of the rights. (I.d 528 , 92 S.Ct. 2182)

Turning to the fourth Barker criterion, the petitioner asserts following information. Petitioner the was prejudiced in this case as a result of his speedy trial right violation in several ways. (a) Petitioner a minor when originally charged in this matter, and not appear before a court until he was a 22 year adult. His oldappearance in the Juvenile Court at 22, nothing was more than perfunctory appearance а iп view fact that his adult the age nullified his possible qualification for consideration of treatment in the Juvenile Court System. (b) Petitioner was a minor with mental а health history (including hospitalizations as a minor in two mental health facilities) prior to his arrest. Accordingly, he was entitled to have an investigation conducted for his possible credible mental defense for Due to the period/ passage of time before the offenses.

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petitioner was made to stand trial for the charges, the expert witnesses who treated petitioner for his mental health issues as a minor, were no longer available called. (c) The passage of time prior to standing for charged offenses, left petitioner to stand before the court with no real discernible defense and no witnesses that could be called (except expert witnesses who unlocatable) and whom defense counsel failed to consider due to so much lapsing time from the time of the offenses. Accordingly, petitioner was prejudiced bу the denial of his speedy trial right.

> "Actual prejudice can be shown in three ways, oppressive pretrial incarceration, anxiety and concern of the accused, and the possibilitity that the accused's defense will be impaired. U.S. v. Beamon 992 F.2d at 1009, 1014 1993) Of these the most serious is the last because the inability of a defendant adequately prepare his case skews the fairness of entire system. Barker supra 407 U.S. at 352

> > CUMULATIVE ERROR

Petitioner asserts that it was cumulative to deny him the opportunity to present his speedy error right violation for twenty-two years and the suspension of the habeas corpus privilege for this same time period.

As stated previously. petitioner initially filed Petition For his Writ of Habeas Corpus with the court in 1988. However, his petition was denied citing jurisdictional reasons. This left petitioner without the opportunity to have his speedy trial claim duly heard adjudicated bу the court. To compound the already egregious errors which occurred in this case, petitioner 52

forced ask this court to consider a speedy to trial violation, twenty-two years after the fact. Petitioner has had to live for twenty-six plus years with the fact that his řights have been violated, his conviction be illegal and the anxiety of living with facing a functional equivalent Juvenile Life Without Parole sentence offenses committed before eighteen (18) years of age.

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Petitioner asserts that the compounding effect constitutional errors [including but not limited to]: the ineffective assistance of counsel; failure to investigate a mental health history; failure to raise inquiry despite mental health evidence and a where пo other defense was raised at all]; violation of a speedy trial; suffering from an illegal sentence/cruel and unusual punishment for twenty-two years and suspension of habeas corpus rights for twenty two years, all such a cumulative effect on this case that it can be considered nothing but manifestly unfair, and an erosion fundamentals guaranteed οf the bу the due process of law. The errors in this case are not only numerous also substantial and reversible in their OWIL independent they present this realm. Together case as опе where breech οf several constitutional protections that undermines even the perception of any type of fairness in the proceedings.

> "The Supreme Court has clearly established that the combined effect multiple οf trial court violates errors due process where it renders the resulting criminal trial fundamentally v. Mississippi unfair. Chambers 410 U.S. 298, 93 S.Ct. 1938, 35 L.Ed.2d 297 (1973)-

combined effect of individual errors denied [Chambers] a trial in accord with traditional and fundamental standards of due process "deprived" [Chambers] a fair trial. The cumulative effect of multiple errors can violate due process when where no single error rises to the level of a constitutional violation or would independently warrant reversal. Chambers 410 U.S. at 290, n. 3, see also Thomas 273 F.3d 1179 ["in analyzing prejudice in a case in which it is a question any "single" trial whether error examined isolation is sufficiently prejudicial warrant reversal, this court the importance of considering has recognized "the cumulative effect of multiple errors" and not simply conducting balkanized issue by issue harmless review.]

Under traditional due process principles, cumulative errors warrant habeas relief only where errors have "so infected the trial with unfairness to make the resulting conviction a denial as process". Such "infection" occurs where o f due the combined effect of the error has a "substantial and injurious" effect or influence on the jury's verdict. Brecht v. Abrahamson 507 U.S. 619, 637, 38, 113 S.Ct. 1710, 123 L.Ed.2d 353. simplier terms, where the combined effect individually harmless errors renders a criminal defense "far less persuasive" than it might [otherwise] have been, "the resulting conviction violates due process." Chambers supra id at 294.

In sum the Supreme Court has clearly established the combined effect of multiple errors may give rise to a due process violation it renders a trial fundamentally unfair, if even where each error considered individually would not require reversal. **Donnelly v. Christoforo** 416 U.S. 637, 643, 94 S.Ct. 1068, 40 L.Ed.2d 431 (1974) <u>Chambers</u> supra id at 290 n. 3, 298, 302-03, 93 S.Ct. 1038. Furthermore, cumulative nature of the challenged evidence does not necessarily render its inclusion (or exclusion) harmless. Rather the fundamental question in determining whether the combined effect of trial errors violated a defendant's due process rights is whether the errors rendered criminal defense "far less the persuasive" thereby had a "substantial and injurious" and influence on the jury's verdict. effect or Brecht id at 507 U.S. at 637, 113 S.Ct. 1710.

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### POINT VIII.

PETITIONER CONTENDS THAT HE WAS BEEN SUBJECTED TO SEVERAL PENALTIES FROM HIS DETAINER HOLD BY CALIFORNIA OFFICIALS ACTING AS AGENTS FOR NEVADA PRISON OFFICIALS AND THAT ACCORDINGLY THESE CONDITIONS HAVE IMPLEMENTED HIS SENTENCE ENTITLING HIM TO CREDIT FOR TIME BEING SERVED UNDER THE CONDITIONS

protection afforded under the Interstate Detainers Agreement on are not based on constitutional rights orthe preservation fair trial but are designed to facilitate defendant's rehabilitation in prison disruption to avoid caused when charges outstanding against the prisoner in another jurisdiction. U.S. ٧. **Black** 609 F.2d 1330. 1979), cert. (9th Cir. denied 449 847, 101 S.Ct. 132, 66 L.Ed.2d 56 (1980)

Petitioner contends that hе has been subjected to a disruption of the rehabilitation in California solely result οf the detainer lodged against which the basis of an illegal sentence to the functional equivalent οf Life Without Parole for offenses committed before the age of eighteen.

Ιn this case, petitioner has suffered from not only the prejudice associated with preparing a defense the charges, but also in his status asprisoner in the California Prison System.

Petitioner points to the following support Petitioner's his position. detainer hold lodged was based upon the request of the Nevada Officials submission of a conviction in case number C-84650 for which he received the sentence of fourteen (14) consecutive life sentences and a consecutive term of ninety-two years, all consecutive California sentence of the fifty (50) years with half time (see credit. exhibit E K). and The nature 55

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of the detainer being the subject of multiple consecutive life sentences placed petitioner in higher security observation level designated as "Close "B" Custody" pursuant California Code of Regulations, Title 15 (see exhibit I) Based upon petitioner's half time credit, disciplinary free conduct for over he was entitled to be housed in a lower security level prison. which would afford him more rehabilitation opportunities than the higher security level. Petitioner was placed in a Level II (medium security) Facility based upon his good behavior. However, petitioner subsequently transferred from the lower security level facility to a higher security level. The "SOLE" reason for the transfer to the hgher higher security level was because petitioner the detainer hold against him as aforementioned. (See exhibit J) To this extent, petitioner asserts that because his sentence was the product of a violation of established state case law precedent (i.e.- the functional equivalent of a life Without Parole Sentence for offenses committed before eighteen). he has been subject actual imposition of penalties for the sentence in this matter. Were it not for this illegal sentence, petitioner would not have been subjected to the transfer and subsequent disqualification of participation in rehabilitation efforts he was entitled to. Essentially the hold for this illegal sentence totally negated and overrode his positive disciplinary free conduct which had entitled him to placement

at a lower security facility.

1 Petitioner further asserts that even 2 sentence was supposed to be consecutive in his 3 the implementing οf a transfer from а lower Ą level based solely on the detainer hold, acted to activate 5 one of the sanctions associated with serving 6 sentence (i.e.- petitioners confinement and restraint 7 of his liberty interest to rehabilitation/re-entry opportunties 8 that are precluded in a high security level). The California 9 Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, as an "AGENT" for the State of Nevada in imposing the 10 detainer hold, also] are the party who acted in implementing, 11 12 [as an "AGENT" on the behalf of the State of Nevada], this transfer based on said hold. Consequently, the adverse 13 14 effects of petitioner's Nevada sentence, which should have been consecutive in nature, have in fact been initiated 15 16 by the California Officials, acting as an "AGENT" for Nevada in imposing a higher security placement. Accordingly, 17 it follows that since petitioner has been subjected by 18 California Officials acting as "AGENTS" 19 for an increase in his security level placement and a disruption 20 to his status as a disciplinary free prisoner meriting 21 placement in a lower security facility, this conduct 22 has acted to activate the imposition of penalties associated with his sentence.

Based upon this petitioner asserts that he is entitled to credit for time served during the period that confinement he has had to οf endure the at a higher security level. The placement confinement οf

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on Close "B" Custody by California Prison Officials (acting as "AGENTS" for Nevada Prison Officials in implementing said detainer hold) based SOLELY upon the detainer hold and illegal sentence acted as the basis of the sanctions he has had to unjustifiably contend with for twenty-six plus years.

Petitioner should be awarded credit for time served for the period of twenty-six years he has been penalized for the illegal sentence that has formed the basis of the detainer hold.

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#### CONCLUSION

Ιn conclusion, petitioner has demonstrated his conviction and subsequent sentence  $\mathtt{is}$ and in violation of not only state case law precedence, but also the state and federal constitution. The plain, cumulative and constitutional errors in this case have rendered the proceedings fundamentally unfair and of any symbolism of the principles of due process of should have been afforded throughout his law post conviction proceedings Petitioner process and his speedy trial rights violated; was denied due process law; subjected to cruel and unusual punishment a result of his illegal sentence; subjected to a violation of due process of law for twenty-two years by the suspensions habeas corpus privileges; denied the effective counsel prior to, during and after trial; denied due

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process regarding his mental health issue; subjected to both plain and cumulative errors in his case that resulted in manifestly unfair proceedings and subjected to several penalties as a result of a twenty-two year old detainer based upon an constitutionally invalid sentence.

Accordingly, petitioner's rights should be declared and his conviction reversed.

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### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

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WHEREFORE, good cause having been shown petitioner hereby prayers that this court grant the following relief:

1.) Issue an order to show cause in this matter directing the respondent to respond in this matter;

2.) Grant an evidentiary hearing in this matter to address the issues raised in the Petition For Writ of Habeas Corpus;

3.) Order the appointment of counsel to represent petitioner at the evidentiary hearing in this matter;

4.) Reverse the conviction and sentence in this matter;

5.) Remand the case for further proceedings in the interests of justice in this matter.

6.) Grant any order relief that this court deems just and appropriate.

25 Date: January 3, 2010

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22	Points and Authorities in Response to Defendant's Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (Post-		
23	Conviction).		
24	This response and motion to dismiss is made and based upon all the papers and		
25	pleadings on file herein, the attached points and authorities in support hereof, and oral		
26	argument at the time of hearing, if deemed necessary by this Honorable Court.		
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# POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

## **STATEMENT OF THE CASE**

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On September 12, 1988, Defendant's jury trial commenced. On September 15, 1988, Defendant's jury returned finding him guilty of Counts 1 - 8 and Counts 10-14.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Due to the age of the present case, the dates included in the State's Statement of the Facts reflect those available through the limited case file uploaded onto microfiche.

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On December 21, 1988, Defendant filed a Pro Per Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus with the Nevada Supreme Court. On December 27, 1988, the Nevada Supreme Court issued its Order denying Defendant's Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus due to lack of jurisdiction.<sup>3</sup> (SC Docket No 19625). Remittitur issued on January 15, 1989.

On October 22, 1990, Defendant filed a Pro Per Petition for Post Conviction Relief Pursuant to NRS 177.315 in which he alleged ineffective assistance of counsel. The State filed its Response to Defendant's Petition On November 28, 1990. On December 18, 1990, the district court issued its Order denying Defendant's Petition on the merits. Defendant filed a Notice of Appeal on January 11, 1991. On September 30, 1991, the Nevada Supreme Court remanded to the district court to hold an evidentiary hearing as to trial counsel's

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jurisdiction to issue a writ in his case.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Defendant was serving a sentence in the California State Prison for kidnapping, sexual assault and 27 assault in Case No. A-565679. As Defendant was in the custody of the California State Prison, the Nevada Supreme Court lacked

 decision not to pursue an insanity defense and whether or not that constituted ineffective assistance of counsel. (Boston v. State, SC Docket No 21871). Remittitur issued on October 22, 1991.

The district court held the evidentiary hearing ordered by the Nevada Supreme Court on September 4, 1992. During the evidentiary hearing, Defendant's trial counsel testified that in preparing for trial, he considered an insanity defense; however, given Defendant's insistence that he was not guilty and not the perpetrator of the crime, and Defendant's wish to proceed with a defense of innocence, that he decided against the insanity defense. Reporter's Transcript of Evidentiary Hearing, P. 12-13, Sept. 4, 1992. However, the district court noted that this would not have been a valid defense as there was no indication from the evidence that Defendant did not know the difference between right and wrong. Id. at 31.

On June 8, 1993, the Court noted that Defendant would not be able to come to Nevada to participate in an evidentiary hearing until he was released from his incarceration in California as every mechanism the State had attempted to compel Defendant's attendance was unsuccessful. There is no indication in the record that Defendant was told that he could not file for habeas relief since he was incarcerated in California. Rather, since there was no mechanism by which the State could compel Defendant's presence at his evidentiary hearing, the district court videotaped the hearing, allowed Defendant to view the videotape, allowed Defendant to prepare an affidavit regarding the issues he wanted to present to the Court, and then took the testimony, affidavits, and arguments of counsel under advisement.

On October 14, 1993, the court denied Defendant's Petition for Post Conviction Relief on the merits. The Order denying Defendant's petition on the merits was filed on March 18, 1994. Defendant filed a Notice of Appeal on July 25, 1994. (Boston v. State, SC Docket No 26034). On October 7, 1994, the Nevada Supreme Court affirmed the district court's denial of Defendant's Petition on the merits. Remittitur issued on October 26, 1994.

On January 5, 2011, Defendant filed a Motion for Permission to Extend the Page Limit for a Separate Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Support of the Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus. The State filed its Opposition on January 14, 2011. The district

court denied Defendant motion on January 19, 2011, as moot.

Defendant filed the instant petition on January 5, 2011. The State's response is as follows.

#### <u>ARGUMENT</u>

#### I. DEFENDANT'S PETITION IS TIME BARRED

Defendant's petition is time-barred. The mandatory provisions of NRS 34.726 state:

- 1. Unless there is good cause shown for delay, a petition that challenges the validity of a judgment or sentence must be filed within 1 year after entry of the judgment of conviction or, if an appeal has been taken from the judgment, within 1 year after the supreme court issues its remittitur. For the purposes of this subsection, good cause for delay exists if the petitioner demonstrates to the satisfaction of the court:
- (a) That the delay is not the fault of the petitioner; and
- (b) That dismissal of the petition as untimely will unduly prejudice the petitioner. . .

NRS 34.726(1) (emphasis added).

The one-year time bar is strictly construed. In <u>Gonzales v. State</u>, 118 Nev. 590, 593, 590 P.3d 901, 902 (2002), the Nevada Supreme Court rejected a habeas petition that was filed two days late, pursuant to the "clear and unambiguous" mandatory provisions of NRS 34.726(1). <u>Gonzales</u> reiterated the importance of filing the petition with the district court within the one year mandate, absent a showing of "good cause" for the delay in filing. <u>Gonzales</u>, 118 Nev. at 593, 590 P.3d at 902.

Here, Defendant's Judgment of Conviction was filed on November 7, 1988. The Nevada Supreme Court subsequently affirmed Defendant's conviction and Remittitur issued on Tuesday, November 14, 1989. Consequently, Defendant had until Wednesday, November 14, 1990, to file his post-conviction habeas petition. Defendant filed a pro per Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus with the Nevada Supreme Court on December 21, 1988. On December 27, 1988, the Nevada Supreme Court issued its Order denying Defendant's Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus due to lack of jurisdiction and Remittitur issued on January 15, 1989.

On October 22, 1990, Defendant filed a Pro Per Petition for Post Conviction Relief Pursuant to NRS 177.315. The district court initially denied this petition without an evidentiary hearing on December 18, 1990. However, the Nevada Supreme Court reversed and remanded Defendant's case for an evidentiary hearing on the issue of trial counsel's reasoning for not pursuing an insanity defense. Accordingly, the district court held the evidentiary hearing on September 4, 1992. Following the evidentiary hearing, and after reviewing affidavits provided by Defendant and counsel as well as arguments by counsel, the district court denied Defendant's petition on the merits. The Order denying Defendant's petition on the merits was filed on March 18, 1994. Defendant subsequently appealed and the Nevada Supreme Court affirmed the denial of Defendant's petition on the merits on October 7, 1994. Remittitur issued on October 26, 1994.

Defendant filed the instant petition on January 5, 2011, more than twenty (20) years after the deadline to file a petition for post-conviction relief had passed. Defendant's petition is clearly outside of the one-year time limitation and therefore his claims must be dismissed. Gonzales, 118 Nev. at 593, 590 P.3d at 902.

#### II. APPLICATION OF PROCEDURAL BARS IS MANDATORY

The Nevada Supreme Court has specifically held that the district court has a duty to consider whether the procedural bars apply to a post-conviction petition and not arbitrarily disregard them. In <u>State v. Eighth Judicial District Court</u>, 121 Nev. 225, 112 P.3d 1070 (2005), the Nevada Supreme Court held as follows:

Given the untimely and successive nature of [defendant's] petition, the district court *had a duty imposed by law* to consider whether any or all of [defendant's] claims were barred under NRS 34.726, NRS 34.810, NRS 34.800, or by the law of the case . . . [and] the court's failure to make this determination here constituted an arbitrary and unreasonable exercise of discretion.

121 Nev. at 234 (emphasis added); see also State v. Haberstroh, 119 Nev. 173, 180-81, 69 P.3d 676, 681-82 (2003) (wherein the Nevada Supreme Court held that parties cannot stipulate to waive, ignore or disregard the mandatory procedural default rules nor can they

good cause is shown. Id.

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empower a court to disregard them). Defendant is required to show good cause to overcome the procedural bars before his petition may be considered on the merits. Thus, a Defendant's petition will not be considered on the merits if it is subject to the procedural bars and no

III. DEFENDANT HAS NOT DEMONSTRATED GOOD CAUSE OR ACTUAL PREJUDICE SUFFICIENT TO OVERCOME THE ONE-YEAR TIME BAR

"In order to demonstrate good cause, a petitioner must show that an impediment external to the defense prevented him or her from complying with the state procedural default rules." Hathaway v. State, 119 Nev. 248, 252, 71 P.3d 503, 506 (2003); citing Pellegrini v. State, 117 Nev. 860, 886-87, 34 P.3d 519, 537 (2001); Lozada v. State, 110 Nev. 349, 353, 871 P.2d 944, 946 (1994); Passanisi v. Director, 105 Nev. 63, 66, 769 P.2d 72, 41 (1989); see also Crump v. Warden, 113 Nev. 293, 295, 934 P.2d 247, 252 (1997); Phelps v. Director, 104 Nev. 656, 764 P.2d 1303 (1988). Such an external impediment could be "that the factual or legal basis for a claim was not reasonably available to counsel, or that 'some interference by officials' made compliance impracticable." Hathaway, 119 Nev. at 252, 71 P.3d at 506 (quoting Murray v. Carrier, 477 U.S. 478, 488, 106 S.Ct. 2639, 2645 (1986)). Clearly, any delay in filing of the petition must not be the fault of the petitioner. NRS 34.726(1)(a).

Defendant claims that the reason he waited over twenty (20) was the district court told him he could not seek habeas relief until he was present in the State. This claim is unsupported by the record and is even belied by the record. There is no indication in the court's microfiche record that Defendant was told he could not seek habeas relief while incarcerated in California. In fact, the district court spent considerable time in the early 90s trying to compel Defendant's presence for an evidentiary hearing, then taped the hearing so Defendant could see it, allowed Defendant to prepare an affidavit in response to his trial counsel's claims, then considered and reviewed the testimony of counsel and Defendant's affidavit, all while he was incarcerated in California to try to resolve Defendant's petition,

Claims asserted in a petition for post-conviction relief must be supported with specific factual allegations, which if true, would entitle the petitioner to relief. <u>Hargrove v. State</u>, 100 Nev. 498, 502, 686 P.2d 222, 225 (1984). "Bare" and "naked" allegations are not sufficient, nor are those belied and repelled by the record. <u>Id</u>. Defendant's claim is without merit and should be dismissed.

## IV. DEFENDANT'S MOTION IS PRECLUDED BY LACHES AS PER NRS 34.800

NRS 34.800 creates a rebuttable presumption of prejudice to the State if "[a] period exceeding five years between the filing of a judgment of conviction, an order imposing a sentence of imprisonment or a decision on direct appeal of a judgment of conviction and the filing of a petition challenging the validity of a judgment of conviction...." The statute also requires that the State plead laches in its motion to dismiss the petition. NRS 34.800. The State pleads laches in the instant case.

The Nevada Supreme Court issued its Remittitur affirming Defendant's conviction on November 14, 1989. Since over twenty-one (21) years have elapsed between the Supreme Court's issuance of Remittitur and the filing of the instant petition, NRS 34.800 directly applies in this case. NRS 34.800 was enacted to protect the State from having to go back years later to re-prove matters that have become ancient history. There is a rebuttable presumption of prejudice for this very reason and the doctrine of laches must be applied in the instant matter. If courts required evidentiary hearings for long delayed petitions such as in the instant matter, the State would have to call and find long lost witnesses whose once vivid recollections have faded and re-gather evidence that in many cases has been lost or destroyed because of the lengthy passage of time. Based on the State's arguments above, this Court should summarily deny the instant petition according to the doctrine of laches pursuant to NRS 34.800, as the delay of more than twenty-one (21) years in filing is unexcused.

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2	Based on the foregoing arguments, the State respectfully requests that Defendant's
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5	DATED this 4th day of March, 2011.
6	Respectfully submitted,
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16	I hereby certify that service of the above and foregoing, was made this 4th day of
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THE STATE OF NEVADA.

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-VS-

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Finding of Fact and Conclusions of Law



#### FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER

DATE OF HEARING: 03/23/2011 TIME OF HEARING: 8:30 A.M.

THIS CAUSE having come on for hearing before the Honorable ELISSA F. CADISH, District Judge, on the 23rd day of March, 2011, the Petitioner not being present, proceeding in forma pauperis, the Respondent being represented by DAVID ROGER, District Attorney, by and through ROBERT STEPHENS, Deputy District Attorney, and the Court having considered the matter, including briefs, transcripts, no arguments of counsel, and documents on file herein, now therefore, the Court makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

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- 6. On December 21, 1988, Defendant filed a Pro Per Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus with the Nevada Supreme Court. On December 27, 1988, the Nevada Supreme Court issued its Order denying Defendant's Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus due to lack of jurisdiction.<sup>2</sup> (SC Docket No 19625). Remittitur issued on January 15, 1989.
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> As Defendant was in the custody of the California State Prison, the Nevada Supreme Court lacked jurisdiction to issue a writ in his case.

Defendant's wish to proceed with a defense of innocence, that he decided against the insanity defense. Reporter's Transcript of Evidentiary Hearing, P. 12-13, Sept. 4, 1992. However, the district court noted that this would not have been a valid defense as there was no indication from the evidence that Defendant did not know the difference between right and wrong. <u>Id.</u> at 31.

- 9. On June 8, 1993, the Court noted that Defendant would not be able to come to Nevada to participate in an evidentiary hearing until he was released from his incarceration in California as every mechanism the State had attempted to compel Defendant's attendance was unsuccessful. There is no indication in the record that Defendant was told that he could not file for habeas relief since he was incarcerated in California. Rather, since there was no mechanism by which the State could compel Defendant's presence at his evidentiary hearing, the district court videotaped the hearing, allowed Defendant to view the videotape, allowed Defendant to prepare an affidavit regarding the issues he wanted to present to the Court, and then took the testimony, affidavits, and arguments of counsel under advisement.
- 10. On October 14, 1993, the court denied Defendant's Petition for Post Conviction Relief on the merits. The Order denying Defendant's petition on the merits was filed on March 18, 1994. Defendant filed a Notice of Appeal on July 25, 1994. (Boston v. State, SC Docket No 26034). On October 7, 1994, the Nevada Supreme Court affirmed the district court's denial of Defendant's Petition on the merits. Remittitur issued on October 26, 1994.
- 11. On January 5, 2011, Defendant filed a Motion for Permission to Extend the Page Limit for a Separate Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Support of the Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus. The State filed its Opposition on January 14, 2011. The district court denied Defendant motion on January 19, 2011, as moot.
- 12. Defendant filed the instant Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus on January 5, 2011. The State filed its response and motion to dismiss on March 4, 2011.
- 13. This Court held a hearing on Defendant's petition on March 23, 2011. Defendant was not present and the Court entertained no argument from the State.

- 14. Since Remittitur issued from the denial of Defendant's appeal on November 14, 1989, Defendant had until Wednesday, November 14, 1990, to file his post-conviction habeas petition. After a prolonged evidentiary hearing, Defendant's first petition was ultimately denied on October 14, 1993. The Nevada Supreme Court subsequently affirmed the district court's denial of Defendant's petition and Remittitur issued on October 26, 1994.
- 15. Defendant filed the instant petition on January 5, 2011, more than twenty (20) years after the one-year time limitation had passed.
  - 16. Defendant's petition is successive and time-barred.
- 17. A petition subject to procedural bars may be considered on its merits if good cause is shown.
- 18. Defendant fails to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the court that good cause for delay exists sufficient to overcome the successive petition and one-year time bars.
- 19. Furthermore, the State specifically pled laches in its response and motion to dismiss Defendant's petition.
- 20. Defendant failed to overcome the presumption that his delay of over twenty (20) years in filing the instant petition has prejudiced the State.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. The mandatory provisions of NRS 34.726 read:
  - 1. Unless there is good cause shown for delay, a petition that challenges the validity of a judgment or sentence must be filed within I year after entry of the judgment of conviction or, if an appeal has been taken from the judgment, within I year after the supreme court issues its remittitur. For the purposes of this subsection, good cause for delay exists if the petitioner demonstrates to the satisfaction of the court:
  - (a) That the delay is not the fault of the petitioner; and
  - (b) That dismissal of the petition as untimely will unduly prejudice the petitioner.

(Emphasis added).

2. In <u>Gonzales v. State</u>, 118 Nev. 590, 593, 590 P.3d 901, 902 (2002), the Nevada Supreme Court rejected a habeas petition that was filed two days late, pursuant to the "clear and unambiguous" mandatory provisions of NRS 34.726(1). <u>Gonzales</u> reiterated the importance of filing the petition with the district court within the one year mandate, absent a

showing of "good cause" for the delay in filing. <u>Id</u>, at 593, 590 P.3d at 902. The one-year time bar is therefore strictly construed.

3. NRS 34.810(1)(b)(2) reads in pertinent part:

The court shall dismiss a petition if the court determines that:

- (b) The petitioner's conviction was the result of a trial and the grounds for the petition could have been: . . .
- (2) Raised in a direct appeal or a prior petition for a writ of habeas corpus or post conviction relief. . . .
- 4. The Court further noted in Evans v. State, "A court must dismiss a habeas petition if it presents claims that either were or could have been presented in an earlier proceeding, unless the court finds both cause for failing to present the claims earlier or for raising them again and actual prejudice to the petitioner." 117 Nev. 609, 646-47, 29 P.3d 498, 523 (2001).
- 5. The Nevada Supreme Court has found that "application of the statutory procedural default rules to post-conviction habeas petitions is mandatory." State v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court ex rel. County of Clark (Riker), 121 Nev. 225, 231, 112 P.3d 1070, 1074 (2005) (citing State v. Haberstroh, 119 Nev. 173, 180, 69 P.3d 676, 681 (2003)). "Habeas corpus petitions that are filed many years after conviction are an unreasonable burden on the criminal justice system. The necessity for a workable system dictates that there must exist a time when a criminal conviction is final." Riker, 121 Nev. at 231, 112 P.3d at 1074 (quoting Groesbeck v. Warden, 100 Nev. 259, 261, 679 P.2d 1268, 1269 (1984).
- 6. "In order to demonstrate good cause, a petitioner must show that an impediment external to the defense prevented him or her from complying with the state procedural default rules." Hathaway v. State, 119 Nev. 30, 71 P.3d 503, 506 (2003); citing Pellegrini v. State, 117 Nev. 860, 886-87, 34 P.3d 519, 537 (2001); Lozada v. State, 110 Nev. 349, 353, 871 P.2d 944, 946 (1994); Passanisi v. Director, 105 Nev. 63, 769 P.2d 72 (1989); see also Crump v. Warden, 113 Nev. 293, 295, 934 P.2d 247, 252 (1997); Phelps v. Director, 104 Nev. 656, 764 P.2d 1303 (1988).
- 7. Such an external impediment could be "that the factual or legal basis for a claim was not reasonably available to counsel, or that 'some interference by officials' made

compliance impracticable." Hathaway, 71 P.3d at 506; quoting Murray v. Carrier, 477 U.S. 478, 488, 106 S.Ct. 2639, 2645 (1986); see also Gonzales, 118 Nev. at 595, 53 P.3d at 904; citing Harris v. Warden, 114 Nev. 956, 959-60 n. 4, 964 P.2d 785 n. 4 (1998). Clearly, any delay in filing of the petition must not be the fault of the petitioner. NRS 34.726(1)(a).

- 8. In addition, to find good cause there must be a "substantial reason; one that affords a legal excuse." Hathaway, 71 P.3d at 506; quoting Colley v. State, 105 Nev. 235, 236, 773 P.2d 1229, 1230 (1989), quoting State v. Estencion, 625 P.2d 1040, 1042 (Haw. 1981). The lack of the assistance of counsel when preparing a petition, and even the failure of trial counsel to forward a copy of the file to a petitioner, have been found to be non-substantial, not constituting good cause. See Phelps v. Director Nevada Department of Prisons, 104 Nev. 656, 660, 764 P.2d 1303 (1988); Hood v. State, 111 Nev. 335, 890 P.2d 797 (1995).
- 9. NRS 34.800 creates a rebuttable presumption of prejudice to the State if "[a] period exceeding five years between the filing of a judgment of conviction, an order imposing a sentence of imprisonment or a decision on direct appeal of a judgment of conviction and the filing of a petition challenging the validity of a judgment of conviction...." The statute also requires that the State plead laches in its motion to dismiss the petition. NRS 34.800.

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#### **ORDER**

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Petition for Post-Conviction Relief shall be, and it is, hereby denied.

DATED this \_ day of March, 2011.

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**DAVID ROGER** 

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

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DISTRICT COURT

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The State of Nevada et. al.,

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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Notice is hereby given that the Petitioner

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, by and through himself in proper person, does now appeal Boston

to the Supreme Court of the State of Nevada, the decision of the District Court (Fighth Judicial District) denying Petitioner's Writ of

Habeas Corpus on March 23, 2011.

See attached additional

Appeal Record info.

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material fact sheet/exhibit.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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Case Name: Andre' Boston v. Anthony Scillia, et. al. (State of Nev.) Case Number: C084650

Petitioner/Appellant Andre' Boston, hereby provides the court with this document pursuant to NRAP Rule 10 and request to expend the record on appeal with pertinent material facts to be considered with the appeal in this matter. This information is pertinent for the Nevada Supreme Court 's consideration of the appeal in this matter. This information is required for preservation of the issue on appeal and may not be disclosed in the record on appeal. However, the Supreme Court in it's review of the denial for Post-Conviction Habeas Corpus needs to be aware of these facts and petitioner/appellant discloses this info. to make an adequate appellate record.

"It is the appellant's responsibility to make an adequate appellate record." Rules Civ. Proc. Rule 51; Rules App. Proc. Rule 10 (c) Carson Ready Mix, Inc. v. First Nat. Bank of Nevada 1981, 635 P.2d 276, 97 Nev. 474.

#### RELEVANT MATERIAL FACTORS

The District Court ruled on the Motion To Dismiss where the State pled "laches" without giving the petitioner/appellant the opportunity to respond to the allegations as outlined in N.R.S. §34.800 (2), despite notice that the petitioner inteded to respond and a Motion For Enlargement of Time so that he could respond to the State's Motion To Dismiss and plea of "laches".

The District Court issued a ruling without giving the petitioner the chance to respond to the State's Motion To Dismiss within 15 days "after service" to a Motion by the State To Dismiss the action as outlined in N.R.S.  $\S34.470(1)$  and 34.750(4).

- \* The State certified serving the Motion To Dismiss on March 4, 2011
- \* However, the Motion to Petitioner was not actually mailed until March 10, 2011, routed by the Post Office on March 11, 2011, and not physically received by the petitioner until March 15, 2011. (See exhibit A to this document) Therefore "service" was not effected until March 15, 2011.
- \* The Petitioner mailed an Informal Notice of Intent To File An Answer to the State's Response, and a Notice/Motion For Enlargement of Time on March 13, 2011, after "NOT receiving the State's Mótion. To Dismiss timely. The petitioner's documents were received by the court on March 17, 2011 and filed with the court on March 22, 2011.
- \* Petitioner received the State's Motion To Dismiss on March 15, 2011 Six Days later he mailed in his Opposition to the Motion To Dismiss.
- \* The District Court ruled on the Habeas Petition on March 23, 2011, denying the Petition without having read or considered the petitioner's Opposition to the Motion To Dismiss. Said Opposition demonstrated that there was "NO" Procedural violation, there was "GOOD CAUSE" for any delay, there was "ACTUAL PREJUDICE" AND A FUNDAMENTAL MISCARRIAGE OF JUSTICE IN PETITIONER'S CASE.

The District Court appointed an attorney (without notifying the petitioner) at the Habeas Hearing. Counsel was ineffective, in that, she did nothing at the hearing to act as an advocate for petitioner allowing the habeas petition to be denied without:

- a.) Requesting a continuance to review the case file that she had been assigned to represent petitioner in for the hearing.
- b.) Requesting an Enlargement of Time under N.R.S.§ 34.750(3) to file/serve supplemental pleadings.
- c.) Ensuring that in view of the Notice of Intent To File An Answer/Motion For Enlargement of Time, petitioner's Answer was received and reviewed by the court prior to a ruling being made, as required by applicable statutes.
- d.) Ensuring that once the State pled "laches", petitioner would be-given—the-opportunity—to-respond—to-the-Motion—To-Dismissas required by N.R.S. § 34.800(2)

Petitioner hereby notifies the District Court of the foregoing and indicated procedural errors in this case and request that this information be made a part of the record for consideration of the appeal in this case by the Nevada Supreme Court for appropriate consideration of the appeal in this matter.

Petitioner further requests the reincorporation of the claims raised in the intitial petition for writ of habeas corpus to be considered by the Nevada Supreme Court.

Date: April 11, 2011

Andre' D. Boston

Petitioner/Appellant, Pro-Se/Per



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## AFFIRMATION Pursuant to NRS 239B.030

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#### IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

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CLERK OF COURT

STATE OF NEVADA, ss.

I, Tracie Lindeman, the duly appointed and qualified Clerk of the Supreme Court of the State of Nevada, do hereby certify that the following is a full, true and correct copy of the Judgment in this matter.

#### **JUDGMENT**

The court being fully advised in the premises and the law, it is now ordered, adjudged and decreed, as follows:

"ORDER the judgment of the district court AFFIRMED IN PART AND REVERSED IN PART AND REMAND this matter to the district court for proceedings consistent with this order."

Judgment, as quoted above, entered this 3rd day of February, 2012.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed my name and affixed the seal of the Supreme Court at my Office in Carson City, Nevada this February 28, 2012.

Tracie Lindeman, Supreme Court Clerk

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#### IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

ANDRE DUPREE BOSTON, Appellant, vs. THE STATE OF NEVADA, Respondent. No. 58216

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# ORDER AFFIRMING IN PART, REVERSING IN PART AND REMANDING

This is a proper person appeal from an order of the district court denying a post-conviction petition for a writ of habeas corpus.<sup>1</sup> Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County; Elissa F. Cadish, Judge.

In 1988, appellant, a juvenile at the time he committed his offenses, was convicted of one count of burglary, one count of lewdness with a minor with the use of a deadly weapon, one count of assault with a deadly weapon, one count of battery with the intent to commit a crime with the use of a deadly weapon, one count of first-degree kidnapping with the use of a deadly weapon, six counts of sexual assault with the use of a deadly weapon, and one count of attempting to dissuade a victim from reporting a crime with the use of a deadly weapon. The district court sentenced appellant to

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>This appeal has been submitted for decision without oral argument, NRAP 34(f)(3), and we conclude that the record is sufficient for our review and briefing is unwarranted. <u>See Luckett v. Warden</u>, 91 Nev. 681, 682, 541 P.2d 910, 911 (1975).

serve fourteen consecutive terms of life with the possibility of parole and consecutive terms totaling 92 years. This court dismissed the direct appeal. <u>Boston v. State</u>, Docket No. 19607 (Order Dismissing Appeal, October 24, 1989). The remittitur issued on November 14, 1989.

On December 21, 1988, appellant, while incarcerated in a California correctional facility, filed an original petition for a writ of habeas corpus in this court. This court denied the petition, noting that the Nevada Constitution did not authorize this court or the district court to issue a writ of habeas corpus on behalf of someone not actually held in custody in Nevada. <u>Boston v. Attorney General</u>, Docket No. 19625 (Order Denying Petition for a Writ of Habeas Corpus, December 27, 1988).

On October 22, 1990, appellant filed a petition for post-conviction relief pursuant to NRS 177.315. The district court denied the petition without conducting an evidentiary hearing. On appeal, this court entered an order of remand for the purpose of conducting an evidentiary hearing on appellant's claim that his counsel was ineffective for failing to investigate a defense of insanity. Boston v. State, Docket No. 21871 (Order of Remand, September 30, 1991). On remand, the district court was not able to conduct an evidentiary hearing in appellant's presence. Rather, the district court caused the evidentiary hearing to be videotaped, and provided appellant an opportunity to view the videotape and submit an affidavit regarding the issues that he wanted presented.<sup>2</sup> The district court again denied the petition. Appellant's appeal from this order was dismissed for lack of jurisdiction as the notice of appeal was untimely.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Appellant was represented by counsel in the post-conviction proceedings.

Boston v. State, Docket No. 26034 (Order Dismissing Appeal, October 7, 1994).

On January 5, 2011, appellant filed a proper person post-conviction petition for a writ of habeas corpus.<sup>3</sup> In his petition, appellant claimed that his trial counsel was ineffective for failing to investigate mitigating factors for sentencing and that his speedy trial rights were violated by the four-year delay in bringing him to trial.<sup>4</sup> Appellant also claimed that the sentence structure amounted to cruel and unusual punishment because he received a sentence that was the functional equivalent of a life-without-parole sentence. Appellant relied, in part, on the recent decision in <u>Graham v. Florida</u>, 560 U.S. \_\_\_\_, 130 S. Ct. 2011 (2010), holding that the Constitution prohibits a sentence of life without parole for a juvenile offender who did not commit homicide.

In an attempt to demonstrate good cause for the petition as a whole, appellant argued that in 1988 this court informed him that he could not pursue habeas corpus relief while incarcerated in another state and that this excused his procedural defects. Further, it appears that appellant was relying upon the <u>Graham</u> decision as good cause for those claims relating to his sentence structure because those claims were not

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>The petition was untimely filed pursuant to NRS 34.726(1) and a successive petition pursuant to NRS 34.810(1)(b)(2) and NRS 34.810(2).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Appellant also claimed that the detainer Nevada placed on him during his period of incarceration in California caused him to lose opportunities for rehabilitation and affected his security level. Such claims challenge the conditions of confinement and are not permissible in a post-conviction petition for a writ of habeas corpus. See Bowen v. Warden, 100 Nev. 489, 686 P.2d 250 (1984).

available previously. <u>See Bejarano v. State</u>, 122 Nev. 1066, 1072, 146 P.3d 265, 270 (2006) (recognizing that good cause may be established where the legal basis for a claim was not reasonably available).

The State filed a motion to dismiss the petition, arguing that the petition was procedurally barred and barred by laches.<sup>5</sup> The district court rejected appellant's argument relating to the 1988 order because the district court found that the record contained no evidence of such an order. The district court did not address appellant's argument that <u>Graham</u> provided good cause to litigate his claims relating to the sentence structure. Based upon our review of the record on appeal, we conclude that the district court did not err in determining that appellant failed to demonstrate that the 1988 order provided good cause for the late and successive petition. However, we conclude that the district court erred in denying the petition without appointing counsel for the claims relating to <u>Graham</u>.

The district court incorrectly found that the 1988 order did not exist; a copy of the order is included in the record. Nevertheless, the district court did not err in determining that the 1988 order did not excuse the procedural defects in this case. While the statements in the 1988 order may explain the delay in timing because of the language employed regarding custody and habeas relief, the 1988 order did not provide good cause for filing a petition raising claims litigated in the 1990 petition for

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>We note that there may be a discrepancy regarding the date the State mailed a copy of the motion to dismiss. Appellant's response to the motion to dismiss was received on the date set for hearing of the motion. For the reasons discussed below, any discrepancy did not cause prejudice in the instant case.

post-conviction relief on the merits or raising new claims that could have been raised in the 1992 petition for post-conviction relief. 1985 Nev. Stat., ch. 435, § 10, at 1232 (NRS 34.810(1)(b), (2), (3)). Thus, we affirm that portion of the district court's order rejecting a good cause argument based upon the 1988 order. See Wyatt v. State, 86 Nev. 294, 298, 468 P.2d 338, 341 (1970) (holding that a correct result will not be reversed simply because it is based on the wrong reason).

The district court did not specifically address the good cause argument related to <u>Graham.</u><sup>6</sup> The applicability and scope of the decision in <u>Graham</u>—whether <u>Graham</u> applies only to a sentence of life without parole or whether <u>Graham</u> applies to a lengthy sentence structure that is the functional equivalent of life without parole—is complex and novel. Appellant is serving a severe sentence.<sup>7</sup> Appellant requested the appointment of counsel in the prayer for relief in his petition and appellant has been previously determined to be indigent. Under these circumstances, the failure to appoint post-conviction counsel prevented a meaningful litigation of the Graham good cause argument. NRS 34.750(1). Thus, we reverse the district court's denial of this portion of appellant's petition and remand this matter for the appointment of counsel to assist appellant in the post-conviction proceedings. Accord

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>We further note that the district court did not provide any specific discussion of the applicability of NRS 34.800(2) in light of <u>Graham</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>In the instant case, it appears that appellant would have to serve a minimum of approximately 100 years before he will be eligible for parole. 1977 Nev. Stat., ch. 598, § 1, at 1626 (NRS 200.366(2)(b)); 1973 Nev. Stat., ch. 798, § 6, at 1804-05 (NRS 200.320(2)); 1981 Nev. Stat., ch. 780, § 1, at 2050 (NRS 193.165); NRS 209.446(6); NRS 213.120(1).

Rogers v. State, 127 Nev. \_\_\_, \_\_\_ P.3d \_\_\_ (Adv. Op. No. 88, December 29, 2011). Accordingly, we

ORDER the judgment of the district court AFFIRMED IN PART AND REVERSED IN PART AND REMAND this matter to the district court for proceedings consistent with this order.8

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Hon. Elissa F. Cadish, District Judge cc: Andre Dupree Boston Attorney General/Carson City Clark County District Attorney Eighth District Court Clerk

<sup>8</sup>We have considered all proper person documents filed of received in this matter. We conclude that appellant is only entitled to the relief described herein. This order constitutes our final disposition of this appeal. Any subsequent appeal shall be docketed as a new matter

This document is a full, true and correct copy of the original on file and of record in my office.

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#### IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

ANDRE DUPREE BOSTON, Appellant, vs. THE STATE OF NEVADA, Respondent. Supreme Court No. 58216 District Court Case No. C084650

#### **REMITTITUR**

TO: Steven Grierson, District Court Clerk

Pursuant to the rules of this court, enclosed are the following:

Certified copy of Judgment and Opinion/Order. Receipt for Remittitur.

DATE: February 28, 2012

Tracie Lindeman, Clerk of Court

By: Tiffany Maccagno Deputy Clerk

cc (without enclosures):

Hon. Elissa F. Cadish, District Judge Andre Dupree Boston Attorney General/Carson City Clark County District Attorney

#### RECEIPT FOR REMITTITUR

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**PCR** 1 MARTIN HART, ESQ. CLERK OF THE COURT Nevada Bar No. 5984 The Law Offices of Martin Hart Law, LLC 229 South Las Vegas Blvd Ste 200 Las Vegas, Nevada 89101 (702) 380-4278 Attorney for Petitioner 5 DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA 6 ANDRE DUPREE BOSTON, 7 C084650 CASE NO.: DEPT. NO.: VI Petitioner, 8 DOCKET NO.: 9 vs. 10 JAMES COX, DIRECTOR NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS. 11 Respondent. 12 13 SUPPLEMENT TO WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS (POST-CONVICTION) 14 COMES NOW PETITIONER, ANDRE DUPREE BOSTON, by and through his attorney 15 MARTIN D. HART, ESQ. of The Law Office of Martin Hart, LLC. and files the following Writ of 16 17 Habeas Corpus. This Petition will focus on Graham issues as directed by the Nevada Supreme Court and this 18 Court, this petition shall serve as an addition to any original Writ for Petition of Habeas Corpus, filed 19 by Petitioner, and shall supplement the arguments therein. 20 21 STATEMENT OF FACTS I. 22 Andre Dupree Boston (Boston) was found guilty of one count of burglary, one count of lewdness 23 with a minor with the use of a deadly weapon, one count of assault with a deadly weapon, one count 24 of battery with the intent to commit a crime with the use of a deadly weapon, one count of first-degree 25 kidnaping with the use of a deadly weapon, six counts of sexual assault with the use of a deadly 26 weapon, one count of robbery with the use of a deadly weapon and one count of attempting to dissuade

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a victim from reporting a crime with the use of a deadly weapon by a jury on September 15, 1988. A judgment of conviction was filed on November 7, 1988 and was sentenced to serve fourteen consecutive terms of life with the possibility of parole and consecutive terms totaling 92 years. On November 1, 1988 Boston filed an appeal which was dismissed by the Nevada Supreme Court on November 29, 1988. Boston then filed a Petition for Post Conviction Relief on October 22, 1990 which was denied by the District Court on December 18, 1990. Following an appeal of that decision the Nevada Supreme Court remanded the matter for an evidentiary hearing. Ultimately that petition was dismissed.

Boston filed a petition for post-conviction relief in proper person on January 5, 2011. This Court dismissed the petition on March 23, 2011. This dismissal was appealed by Boston on April 19, 2011 and the Nevada Supreme Court issued an order affirming in part and reversing in part remanding the issue related to <u>Graham v. Florida</u>. This writ is in response to the order remanding.

#### III. LEGAL ARGUMENT

# A. THE SENTENCE IMPOSED IN THE JUDGMENT OF CONVICTION IS CONSTITUTIONALLY INVALID UNDER THE EIGHTH AMENDMENTS GUARANTEE OF PROTECTION FROM CRUEL AND UNUSUAL PUNISHMENT.

"The Constitution prohibits the imposition of a life without parole sentence on a juvenile offender who did not commit homicide. A State need not guarantee the offender eventual release, but if it imposes a sentence of life it must provide him or her some realistic opportunity to obtain release before the end of that term." Graham v. Florida, 130 S. Ct. 2011, 2034, 176 L. Ed. 2d 825, 850 (2010). The Eighth Amendment forbids States from making the judgment at sentencing that minor offenders will never be fit to reenter society. Id. at 2030, 846. The Nevada Supreme Court in its order for remand recognized that the issues presented below regarding the functional equivalent of life without parole are "complex and novel". See Supreme Court Order attached hereto as Exhibit "1". Fortunately, California has just recently dealt with this exact issue in People v. Caballero, 55 Cal. 4th 262 (2012). The California Supreme Court was left to determine whether a 110-year-to-life sentence imposed on a juvenile convicted of nonhomicide offenses contravened Graham's mandate against cruel and unusual punishment under the Eighth Amendment; to which they concluded it did. "The gist of Graham is not

only that life sentences for juveniles are unusual as a statistical matter, they are cruel as well because 'developments in psychology and brain science continue to show fundamental differences between juvenile and adult minds." (<u>Caballero</u>, 55 Cal. 4<sup>th</sup> at \_\_\_\_, concurring opinion, citing <u>Graham</u>, supra, 560 U.S. at p. \_\_\_ [130 S.Ct. at p. 2026]).

Graham provides that "a juvenile offender who did not kill or intend to kill has a twice diminished moral culpability. Age and the nature of the crime each bear on the analysis. As for the punishment, life without parole is 'the second most severe penalty permitted by law,' Harmelin v. Michigan, 501 U.S. 957, 1001, 111 S.Ct. 2680, 115 L.Ed.2d 836, and is especially harsh for a juvenile offender, who will on average serve more years and a greater percentage of his life in prison than an adult offender, see, e.g., Roper v. Simmons (2005),543 U.S. 551, at 572, 125 S.Ct. 1183. The United States Supreme Court has relied on studies showing "developments in psychology and brain science continue to show fundamental differences between juvenile and adult minds. For example, parts of the brain involved in behavior control continue to mature through late adolescence. Juveniles are [also] more capable of change than are adults, and their actions are less likely to be evidence of 'irretrievably depraved character' than are the actions of adults." (Graham, 560 U.S. at p. \_\_ [130 S.Ct. at p. 2026], quoting Roper v. Simmons (2005),543 U.S. 551.) And none of the legitimate goals of penal sanctions—retribution, deterrence, incapacitation, and rehabilitation, see Ewing v. California, 538 U.S. 11, 25, 123 S.Ct. 1179, 155 L.Ed.2d 108—is adequate to justify life without parole for juvenile nonhomicide offenders, see, e.g., Roper, 543 U.S., at 571, 573, 125 S.Ct. 1183." Graham, 130 S.Ct. 2011 at 2016.

The Nevada Supreme Court calculated how long Boston would have to serve before he is eligible for parole in footnote 7 of the order remanding the issue to this Court: "In the instant case, it appears that appellant would have to serve a minimum of approximately 100 years before he will be eligible for parole. 1977 Nev. Stat., ch. 598, § 1, at 1626 (NRS 200.366(2)(b)); 1973 Nev. Stat., ch 798, § 6, at 1804-05 (NRS 200.320(2)); 1981 Nev. Stat., ch. 780, § 1, at 2050.(NRS 193.165); MRS 209.446(6); NRS 213.120(1)." Id. Using the Nevada Supreme Courts calculation Boston would be

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eligible for parol when he is 121 years of age. The 10 year average for the mean dying age of inmates at the Nevada Department of Corrections (NDOC) is 54.7 years of age. See Nevada Department of Correction Fiscal Year 2010 Statistical Abstract, page 70, attached hereto as Exhibit "2". Based on the statistics provided by NDOC, Boston would not be eligible for parole until 66 years after he is expected to die. An evidentiary hearing is necessary to allow the NDOC to provide the person most knowledgeable regarding the statistics of inmate deaths and what the life expectancy is of someone similar to Boston. However, Boston asserts that it is within this Courts discretion to take judicial notice that 121 years of age is well beyond any measure of current life expectancy.

The United States Supreme Court extended <u>Graham's</u> reasoning in <u>Miller</u> and "made it clear that Graham's "flat ban" on life without parole sentences for juvenile offenders in nonhomicide cases applies to their sentencing equation regardless of intent in the crime's commission, or how a sentencing court structures the life without parole sentence." <u>Caballero</u>, 55 Cal. 4th 262, \_\_\_\_, citing <u>Miller</u>, 132 S.Ct. 2465, 2469. The <u>Caballero</u> Court determined "<u>Graham's</u> reasoning implicates any life-without-parole sentence imposed on a juvenile, even as its categorical bar relates only to nonhomicide offenses." <u>Caballero</u>, 55 Cal. 4th 262, \_\_\_\_(2012), citing <u>Miller</u>, 567 U.S. \_\_\_\_ [132 S.Ct. at p. 2465]. <u>Miller</u> therefore made it clear that <u>Graham's</u> "flat ban" on life without parole sentences applies to all nonhomicide cases involving juvenile offenders, including the term-of-years sentence that amounts to the *functional equivalent* of a life without parole sentence imposed in this case. <u>People v. Caballero</u>, 55 Cal. 4th 262, (2012)(emphasis added).

The sentence imposed in the judgment of conviction is the functional equivalent of life without parole because Boston will not be eligible for parole until long after he is expected to die. In fact double the mean age. Under <u>Graham</u>, the State is required to impose a sentence that has some realistic expectation or opportunity to obtain release before the end of the term. <u>Graham</u>, 130 S.Ct. 2011 at 2034. Even if you consider the top end (outlier) of the range regarding years of age from the 2009 NDOC Statistical Abstract 73 years of age was the oldest inmate to die in 2009; Boston would expect to be dead for 48 years before he is eligible for parole. *See* Nevada Department of Correction Fiscal

Year 2009 Statistical Abstract, page 42 attached hereto as Exhibit "3". Even using the United States Census Bureau life expectancy table for black males as a whole in the United States, Boston's Life expectancy is 70.9 years. See Life Expectancy Tables 104 and 105 attached hereto as Exhibit "4". There is no reasonable calculation available under the facts set out above that provides the opportunity of parole or release before Boston is expected to die.

Boston was sentenced to 14 terms of life with the possibility of parole each to be served consecutive to each other consecutive to an additional 92 years with that to be served consecutive to a sentence in California. It is clear that the Court's intention was to ensure Boston remained imprisoned for his natural life. "A State...must impose a sentence that provides some meaningful opportunity for release based on demonstrated maturity and rehabilitation." Graham, 130 S. Ct. 2011 at 2017. Boston is exactly who the U.S. Supreme Court was considering by this statement. Boston has earned his GED, multiple college degrees, several certificates from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, 20 plus Certificates of Appreciation/Achievement, and a plethora of Accolades and Laudatory Documentation from Wardens and Staff. See Degrees, Diplomas, Certificates, Transcripts, Accolades, and Laudatory Documentation attached hereto as Exhibit "5". It is not very often that a Court is given the opportunity of hindsight in sentencing or re-sentencing, but Graham has afforded Boston and this Court that unique opportunity. This situation allows this Court to see and consider how rehabilitated Boston is after serving close to 30 years when reconsidering his sentence.

Despite his rehabilitation there is a complication regarding the time he has left to serve. Unfortunately it appears as though Boston will only reach the average 10 year median age of death (54.7 years old) with a little luck. Boston has been diagnosed with Stage III Sarcoidosis which has damaged his lungs, kidneys, larynx and sinus region. Boston's lungs only operate at 50% capacity and he requires the use of an oxygen machine at times. Fortunately it is currently in remission but could flair at any given time.

In order to comport with the Eighth Amendment and <u>Graham</u>, Boston must receive a new sentence that gives him a realistic opportunity for release.

#### B. AN EVIDENTIARY HEARING IS NECESSARY TO ASSIST THIS COURT

If an evidentiary hearing is needed to calculate the life expectancy of a prisoner sentenced to term of years constituting a de facto life without sentence. The hearing should also address the Nevada Parole rates for crimes similar to those that Boston was convicted of. Without these two pieces of information, it is impossible for the Court to define "realistic opportunity for release." It is believed such information can be obtained through the testimony of employees from the Nevada Department of Corrections if necessary.

An evidentiary hearing is also needed to present evidence of mitigating factors that reduce the culpability of Boston. Such evidence is necessary to apply the reasoning of the decision in <u>Graham</u> and <u>Roper</u>. <u>Roper</u> addresses scientific studies regarding juveniles, their development and ultimate culpability. The <u>Caballero</u> Court gives some direction for what to do in the situation we face when previous sentences run afoul of <u>Graham</u>.

Defendants who were sentenced for crimes they committed as juveniles who seek to modify life without parole or equivalent defacto sentences already imposed may file petitions for a writ of habeas corpus in the trial court in order to allow the court to weigh the mitigating evidence in determining the extent of incarceration required before parole hearings. Because every case will be different, we will not provide trial courts with a precise time frame for setting these future parole hearings in a nonhomicide case. However, the sentence must not violate the defendant's Eighth Amendment rights and must provide him or her a "meaningful opportunity to obtain release based on demonstrated maturity and rehabilitation" under Graham's mandate.

<u>Caballero</u>, 55 Cal. 4<sup>th</sup> 262, \_\_\_\_ (2012). When Boston is re-sentenced, the Court must use these mitigating factors in the proceeding, thus correcting the failure of the Eighth Judicial District Court to do so at Boston's original sentencing.

WHEREFORE, petitioner respectfully submits that the current sentence is in violation of the Eighth Amendment and not consistent with <u>Graham</u>. Based upon the foregoing facts and legal arguments, Petitioner Andre Dupree Boston respectfully requests that this Honorable Court conduct an

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evidentiary hearing and apply an appropriate sentence. 1 2 DATED this 27th day of November, 2012. 3 4 Martin Hart, Esq. Nevada Bar No. 005984 5 229 South Las Vegas Blvd., Ste. 201 6 Las Vegas, N89101 Attorney for Petitioner 7 8 **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING** 9 I hereby certify that on the 27 day of November, 2012, service of the foregoing 10 PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS (POST-CONVICTION) was made this date by 11 depositing a true copy of the same for mailing, first class mail, at Las Vegas, Nevada addressed as 12 follows: 13 14 James Cox, Director Nevada Department of Corrections 15 P.O. Box 7011 16 Carson City, Nevada 89702 17 Attorney General 18 Heroes' Memorial Building Capitol Complex 19 Carson City, Nevada 89710 20 21 Steven B. Wolfson Clark County District Attorney 22 200 South Lewis 23 Las Vegas, Nevada 89101 24 25 26 Employee of Martin Hart 27

# EXHIBIT 1

## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

ANDRE DUPREE BOSTON, Appellant, vs. THE STATE OF NEVADA, Respondent.

No. 58216

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## ORDER AFFIRMING IN PART, REVERSING IN PART AND REMANDING

This is a proper person appeal from an order of the district court denying a post-conviction petition for a writ of habeas corpus.<sup>1</sup> Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County; Elissa F. Cadish, Judge.

In 1988, appellant, a juvenile at the time he committed his offenses, was convicted of one count of burglary, one count of lewdness with a minor with the use of a deadly weapon, one count of assault with a deadly weapon, one count of battery with the intent to commit a crime with the use of a deadly weapon, one count of first-degree kidnapping with the use of a deadly weapon, six counts of sexual assault with the use of a deadly weapon, and one count of attempting to dissuade a victim from reporting a crime with the use of a deadly weapon. The district court sentenced appellant to

<sup>1</sup>This appeal has been submitted for decision without oral argument, NRAP 34(f)(3), and we conclude that the record is sufficient for our review and briefing is unwarranted. See <u>Luckett v. Warden</u>, 91 Nev. 681, 682, 541 P.2d 910, 911 (1975).

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serve fourteen consecutive terms of life with the possibility of parole and consecutive terms totaling 92 years. This court dismissed the direct appeal. <u>Boston v. State</u>, Docket No. 19607 (Order Dismissing Appeal, October 24, 1989). The remittitur issued on November 14, 1989.

On December 21, 1988, appellant, while incarcerated in a California correctional facility, filed an original petition for a writ of habeas corpus in this court. This court denied the petition, noting that the Nevada Constitution did not authorize this court or the district court to issue a writ of habeas corpus on behalf of someone not actually held in custody in Nevada. Boston v. Attorney General, Docket No. 19625 (Order Denying Petition for a Writ of Habeas Corpus, December 27, 1988).

On October 22, 1990, appellant filed a petition for post-conviction relief pursuant to NRS 177.315. The district court denied the petition without conducting an evidentiary hearing. On appeal, this court entered an order of remand for the purpose of conducting an evidentiary hearing on appellant's claim that his counsel was ineffective for failing to investigate a defense of insanity. Boston v. State, Docket No. 21871 (Order of Remand, September 30, 1991). On remand, the district court was not able to conduct an evidentiary hearing in appellant's presence. Rather, the district court caused the evidentiary hearing to be videotaped, and provided appellant an opportunity to view the videotape and submit an affidavit regarding the issues that he wanted presented. The district court again denied the petition. Appellant's appeal from this order was dismissed for lack of jurisdiction as the notice of appeal was untimely.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Appellant was represented by counsel in the post-conviction proceedings.

Boston v. State, Docket No. 26034 (Order Dismissing Appeal, October 7, 1994).

On January 5, 2011, appellant filed a proper person post-conviction petition for a writ of habeas corpus.<sup>3</sup> In his petition, appellant claimed that his trial counsel was ineffective for failing to investigate mitigating factors for sentencing and that his speedy trial rights were violated by the four-year delay in bringing him to trial.<sup>4</sup> Appellant also claimed that the sentence structure amounted to cruel and unusual punishment because he received a sentence that was the functional equivalent of a life-without-parole sentence. Appellant relied, in part, on the recent decision in Graham v. Florida, 560 U.S. \_\_\_\_, 130 S. Ct. 2011 (2010), holding that the Constitution prohibits a sentence of life without parole for a juvenile offender who did not commit homicide.

In an attempt to demonstrate good cause for the petition as a whole, appellant argued that in 1988 this court informed him that he could not pursue habeas corpus relief while incarcerated in another state and that this excused his procedural defects. Further, it appears that appellant was relying upon the <u>Graham</u> decision as good cause for those claims relating to his sentence structure because those claims were not

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>The petition was untimely filed pursuant to NRS 34.726(1) and a successive petition pursuant to NRS 34.810(1)(b)(2) and NRS 34.810(2).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Appellant also claimed that the detainer Nevada placed on him during his period of incarceration in California caused him to lose opportunities for rehabilitation and affected his security level. Such claims challenge the conditions of confinement and are not permissible in a post-conviction petition for a writ of habeas corpus. See Bowen v. Warden, 100 Nev. 489, 686 P.2d 250 (1984).

available previously. <u>See Bejarano v. State</u>, 122 Nev. 1066, 1072, 146 P.3d 265, 270 (2006) (recognizing that good cause may be established where the legal basis for a claim was not reasonably available).

The State filed a motion to dismiss the petition, arguing that the petition was procedurally barred and barred by laches.<sup>5</sup> The district court rejected appellant's argument relating to the 1988 order because the district court found that the record contained no evidence of such an order. The district court did not address appellant's argument that <u>Graham</u> provided good cause to litigate his claims relating to the sentence structure. Based upon our review of the record on appeal, we conclude that the district court did not err in determining that appellant failed to demonstrate that the 1988 order provided good cause for the late and successive petition. However, we conclude that the district court erred in denying the petition without appointing counsel for the claims relating to Graham.

The district court incorrectly found that the 1988 order did not exist; a copy of the order is included in the record. Nevertheless, the district court did not err in determining that the 1988 order did not excuse the procedural defects in this case. While the statements in the 1988 order may explain the delay in timing because of the language employed regarding custody and habeas relief, the 1988 order did not provide good cause for filing a petition raising claims litigated in the 1990 petition for

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>We note that there may be a discrepancy regarding the date the State mailed a copy of the motion to dismiss. Appellant's response to the motion to dismiss was received on the date set for hearing of the motion. For the reasons discussed below, any discrepancy did not cause prejudice in the instant case.

post-conviction relief on the merits or raising new claims that could have been raised in the 1992 petition for post-conviction relief. 1985 Nev. Stat., ch. 435, § 10, at 1232 (NRS 34.810(1)(b), (2), (3)). Thus, we affirm that portion of the district court's order rejecting a good cause argument based upon the 1988 order. See Wyatt v. State, 86 Nev. 294, 298, 468 P.2d 338, 341 (1970) (holding that a correct result will not be reversed simply because it is based on the wrong reason).

The district court did not specifically address the good cause argument related to Graham.6 The applicability and scope of the decision in Graham—whether Graham applies only to a sentence of life without parole or whether Graham applies to a lengthy sentence structure that is the functional equivalent of life without parole—is complex and novel. Appellant is serving a severe sentence.7 Appellant requested the appointment of counsel in the prayer for relief in his petition and appellant has been previously determined to be indigent. Under these circumstances, the failure to appoint post-conviction counsel prevented a meaningful litigation of the Graham good cause argument. NRS 34.750(1). Thus, we reverse the district court's denial of this portion of appellant's petition and remand this matter for the appointment of counsel to assist appellant in the post-conviction proceedings. Accord

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>We further note that the district court did not provide any specific discussion of the applicability of NRS 34.800(2) in light of <u>Graham</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>In the instant case, it appears that appellant would have to serve a minimum of approximately 100 years before he will be eligible for parole. 1977 Nev. Stat., ch. 598, § 1, at 1626 (NRS 200.366(2)(b)); 1973 Nev. Stat., ch. 798, § 6, at 1804-05 (NRS 200.320(2)); 1981 Nev. Stat., ch. 780, § 1, at 2050 (NRS 193.165); NRS 209.446(6); NRS 213.120(1).

Rogers v. State, 127 Nev. \_\_\_, \_\_\_ P.3d \_\_\_ (Adv. Op. No. 88, December 29, 2011). Accordingly, we

ORDER the judgment of the district court AFFIRMED IN PART AND REVERSED IN PART AND REMAND this matter to the district court for proceedings consistent with this order.8

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cc: Hon. Elissa F. Cadish, District Judge Andre Dupree Boston Attorney General/Carson City Clark County District Attorney Eighth District Court Clerk

We have considered all proper person documents filed or received in this matter. We conclude that appellant is only entitled to the relief described herein. This order constitutes our final disposition of this appeal. Any subsequent appeal shall be docketed as a new matter.

This document is a full, true and correct copy of the original on file and of record in my office.

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Supreme Court Clerk, State of Nevada

By Deputy

# EXHIBIT 2

## **Inmate Deaths**

A small portion of offenders are lost every year due to death. From SFY-2001 to SFY-2010, between 24 and 46 offenders passed away while incarcerated at the NDOC. Until Fiscal Year 2007, research staff tracked and published offender deaths along with their demographic information inclusive of their causes of death; however, confidentiality laws no longer permit such information to be accessible to the general public. The median dying age for the period SFY01 to SFY10 ranged from 50 to 58 years.

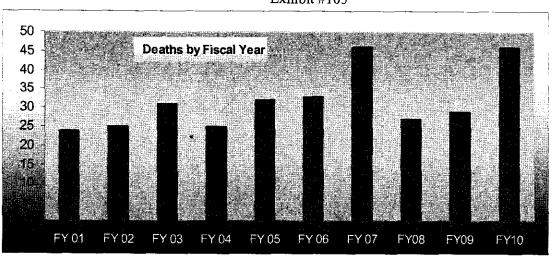


Exhibit #103

FY 07 and FY10 had the largest number of offender losses due to death.

Exhibit #104					
FY	Deaths	% Change	Median Dying Age		
FY 01	24		50		
FY 02	25	4.17%	57		
FY 03	31	24.00%	55		
FY 04	25	-19.35%	55		
FY 05	32	28.00%	56		
FY 06	33	3.13%	52		
FY 07	46	39.39%	52		
FY 08	27	-41.30%	56		
FY09	29	7.41%	58		
FY10	46	68.97%	56		
Avg	32	5.68%	54.7		

## EXHIBIT 3

Figure 43

Yearly Female Releases

Yearly Female Releases

Paroles — Discharges — Deaths — Total

1996 1997 1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008

## **Inmate Deaths**

Offender deaths have ranged from 24 to 46 each year since Calendar Year 2001. Due to confidentiality laws, NDOC can no longer report causes of death. The median dying age of deceased inmates has not fluctuated much since 2001, with the median age being 57 in CY 2001 and 56 in CY 2009 and ranging between 26 and 73 years of age.

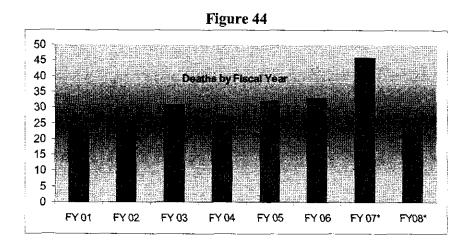


Table 28

FY	FY01	FY 02	FY 03	FY 04	FY 05	FY 06	FY 07	FY 08	FY09	Average
Deaths	24	25	31	25	32	33	46	27	29	30.22
%				-				-		
Change	200 200 1000	4.17%	24.00%	19.35%	28.00%	3.13%	39.39%	41.30%	7.41%	5.68%

## EXHIBIT 4

Table 104. Expectation of Life at Birth, 1970 to 2008, and Projections, 2010 to 2020

[In years, Excludes deaths of nonresidents of the United States, See Appendix III]

Year		Total		White			Black		
Tear	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
1970	70.8	67.1	74.7	71,7	68.0	75.6	64.1	60.0	68.3
1980	73.7	70.0	77.4	74.4	70.7	78.1	68.1	63.8	72.5
1981	74.1	70.4	77.8	74.8	71.1	78.4	68.9	64.5	73.2
1982	74.5	70.8	78.1	75.1	71.5	78.7	69.4	65.1	73.6
1983	74.6	71.0	78.1	75.2	71.6	78.7	69.4	65.2	73.5
1984	74.7	71.1	78.2	75.3	71.8	78.7	69.5	65.3	73.6
1985	74.7	71.1	78.2	75.3	71.8	78.7	69.3	65.0	73.4
1986	74.7	71,2	78.2	75.4	71.9	78.8	69.1	64.8	73.4
1987	74.9	71.4	78.3	75.6	72.1	78.9	69.1	64.7	73.4
1988	74.9	71.4	78.3	75.6	72.2	78.9	68.9	64.4	73.2
1989	75.1	71.7	78.5	75.9	72.5	79.2	68.8	64.3	73.3
1990	75.4	71.8	78.8	76.1	72.7	79.4	69.1	64.5	73.6
1991	75.5	72.0	78.9	76.3	72.9	79.6	69.3	64,6	73.8
1992	75.8	72.3	79.1	76.5	73.2	79.8	69.6	65.0	73.9
1993	75.5	72.2	78.8	76.3	73.1	79.5	69.2	64.6	73.7
1994	75.7	72.4	79.0	76.5	73.3	79.6	69.5	64.9	73.9
1995	75.8	72.5	78.9	76.5	73.4	79.6	69.6	65.2	73.9
1996	76.1	73.1	79.1	76.8	73.9	79.7	70.2	66,1	74.2
1997	76.5	73.6	79.4	77.2	74.3	79.9	71.1	67.2	74.7
1998	76.7	73.8	79.5	77.3	74.5	80.0	71.3	67.6	74.8
1999	76.7	73.9	79.4	77.3	74.6	79.9	71.4	67.8	74.6
2000 '	76.8	74.1	79.3	77.3	74.7	79.9	71.8	68.2	75.1
2001 1	76.9	74.2	79.4	77.4	74.8	79.9	72.0	68.4	75.2
2002	76.9	74.3	79.5	77.4	74.9	79.9	72.1	68.6	75.4
2003 1.2	77.1	74.5	79.6	77.6	75.0	80.0	72.3	68.8	75.6
2004 1.2	77.5	74.9	79.9	77.9	75.4	80.4	72.8	69.3	76.0
2005 1.2	77.4	74.9	79.9	77.9	75.4 75.4	80.4	72.8	69.3	76.0 76.1
2006 12	77.7	75.1	80.2	78.2	75.7	80.6	73.2	69.7	76.5
2007 1.2	77.9	75.1 75.4	80.4	78.4	75.7 75.9	80.8	73.6	70.0	76.8
2008 1.2.3	78.0	75.5	80.5	78.4	75.9	80.8	74.3	70.9	77.4
Projections: 4			ļ						
2010	78.3	75.7	80.8	78.9	76.5	81.3	73.8	70.2	77.2
2015	78.9	76.4	81.4	79.5	77.1	81.8	75.0	71.4	77.2 78.2
2020	79.5	77.1	81.9	80.0	77.7	82.4	75.0 76.1	71.4	78.2 79.2
2020	, 3.5	(7.1	01.9	55.0	17.5	02.4	70.1	72.0	

¹ Life expectancies for 2000–2008 were calculated using a revised methodology and may differ from those previously published.² Multiple-race data were bridged to the single-race categories of the 1977 OMB standards for comparability with other reporting areas.³ Data are preliminary. ¹ Based on middle mortality assumptions; for details, see source: U.S. Census Bureau, "2008 National Population Projections," released August, 2008, <a href="http://www.census.gov/population/www/projections/2008/projections.html">http://www.census.gov/population/www/projections/2008/projections.html></a>.

Source: Except as noted. U.S. National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics Reports (NVSR), Deaths: Preliminary Data for 2008, Vol. 59, No. 2, December 2010.

Table 105. Life Expectancy by Sex, Age, and Race: 2008

[Average number of years of life remaining, Excludes deaths of nonresidents of the United States, Data are preliminary]

Age	Total 1			White			Black		
Age	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
0	78.0	75.5	80.5	78.4	75.9	80.8	74.3	70.9	77.4
1	77. <del>6</del>	75.1	80.0	77.8	75.4	80.2	74.3	71,0	77.4
5	73.7	71.2	76.1	73.9	71.5	76.3	70.5	67.1	73.5
10	68.7	66.2	71.1	68.9	66.5	71.3	65.5	62.2	68.5
15	63.8	61.3	66.1	64.0	61.6	66.3	60.6	57.2	63.6
20	58.9	56.5	61.2	59.2	56.8	61.4	55.8	52.6	58.7
25	54.2	51.9	56.4	54.4	52.2	56.6	51.1	48.0	53.9
30	49.4	47.2	51.5	49.6	47.5	51.7	46.5	43.5	49.1
35	44.7	42.6	46.7	44.9	42.8	46.9	41.8	39.0	44.3
40	40.0	37.9	41.9	40.2	38.1	42.1	37.3	34.5	39.6
45	35.4	33.4	37.2	35.6	33.6	37.4	32.8	30.1	35.1
50	31.0	29.0	32.7	31.1	29.2	32.8	28.6	26.0	30.8
55	26.7	24.9	28.3	26.8	25.0	28.3	24.6	22.2	26.7
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65	18.7	17.2	19.9	18.7	17.3	19.9	17.5	15.5	18.9
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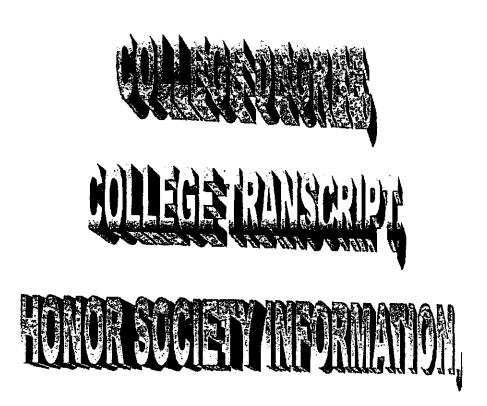
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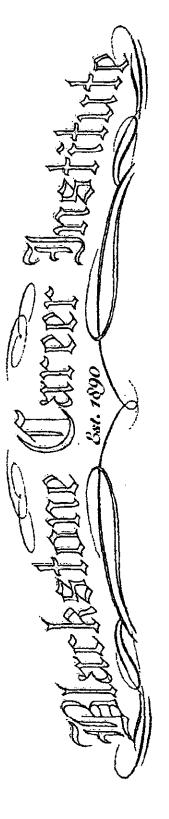
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Coastline Community College

# Certificate of Completion

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who has satisfactorily completed the program of prescribed courses in

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Gayle Berggren, Ph.D.

August 6, 2008

Mr. Andre' Boston D-03868 L5-102L PO Box 2210 Susanville, CA 96127-2210

Dear Mr. Boston:

I apologize for not recognizing your membership in Alpha Sigma Lambda Honor Society sooner. This is our first time trying to get the ASL Honor Society going, and it is a bit confusing. When we receive our supplies from the National ASL society, you will be receiving a membership card and lapel pin, with another welcome letter! I will enclose a welcome letter now, so you will have an early one, for your records.

I'm glad for your interest in joining Alpha Sigma Lambda.

Gayle Berggren, Ph.D.

Ádvisor.

Chi Gamma Theta Chapter

Alpha Sigma Lambda Honor Society

cc:

Dawn Boston





Gayle Berggren, Ph.D. 714-241-6251

Welcome to membership in Alpha Sigma Lambda!

Alpha Sigma Lambda is a nonprofit national honor society devoted to the advancement of scholarship and to the recognition of nontraditional students continuing their higher education. It was established in 1945 to honor superior scholarship and leadership in adult students. It is the oldest and the largest chapter-based honor society for full-and part-time adult students in the United States. It serves two and four-year public and private colleges and universities, with a focus on bringing honor to adult students.

Its motto is:

- A "first in
- Σ Scholarship and
- A Leadership"

We are pleased to recognize your scholastic achievements, and that you have decided to join the Coastline chapter of Alpha Sigma Lambda.

Gayle Berggren, Ph. D.

Professor, Psychology

Advisor, Chi Gamma Theta Chapter

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# lpha) Sigma Lambda This is to certify that

Andre Boston

has been duly elected and inducted to membership in

Uni Gamma Theta 10m day Of September, 2008

Done on this

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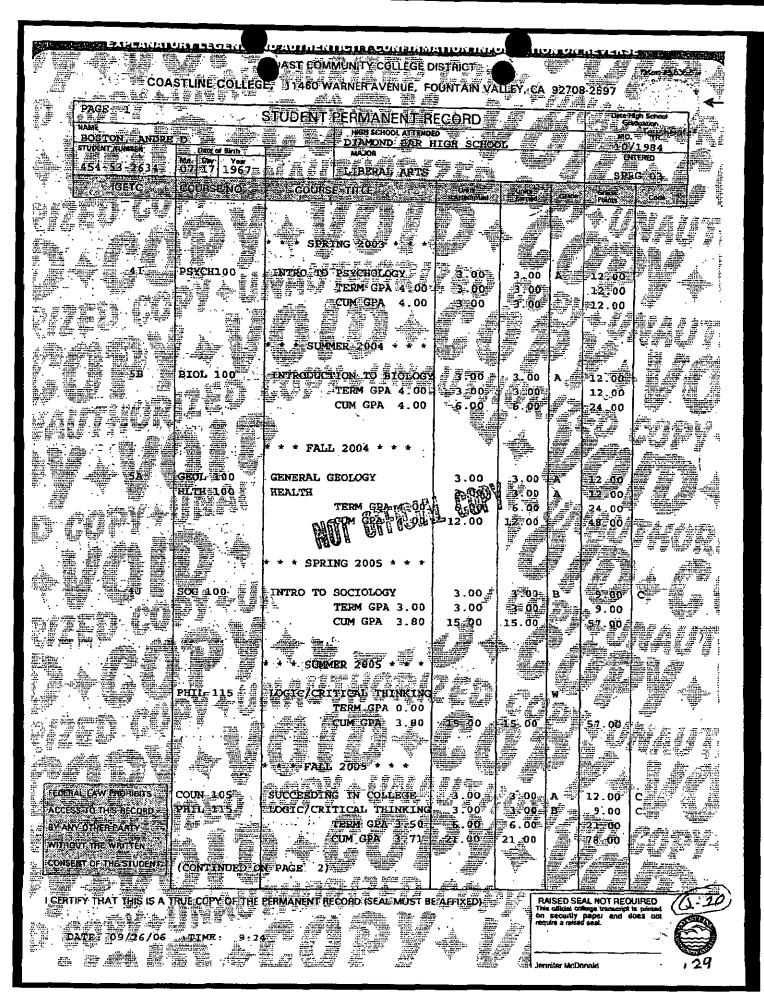
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Dear Coastline Student:

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Congratulations on your success at Coastline College! Our records indicate that you may be eligible to apply for membership in *Alpha Sigma Lambda*, the largest adult nontraditional student honor society in the United States. ASL has served the adult student population for more than 60 years, serving two-and four-year public and private colleges and universities, with a focus on bringing honor to adult students.

What are the benefits and advantages of Alpha Sigma Lambda AEA membership?

- It is the premier nationally recognized honor society for full-and part-time adult students.
- It motivates students to achieve academic and leadership excellence.
- It offers scholarship opportunities through AΣA Adult Educational Foundation.
- It makes available insignia items such as lapel pins, and honor cords to be worn at graduation.
- It provides an esprit de corps among nontraditional/adult students.
- It improves retention and motivation of adult students.
- It recognizes and honors the achievements of our adult students.
- It furthers career attainment by enabling students to list membership in an honor society on their job applications.

## What are the Membership Requirements?

Membership is obtained through a local Alpha Sigma Lambda chapter and is open to students who:

- have an overall GPA of 3.2
- are matriculated and have completed at least 24 units of college coursework at Coastline with
   12 units in liberal studies
- have received a written invitation to membership
- have paid the once-in-a lifetime registration fee of \$10

## What do I Need to do to Join?

Please complete and return the attached Alpha Sigma Lambda application form to join the Coastline College Alpha Sigma Lambda Chapter known as Chi Gamma Theta.

Gayle Berggren, Ph. D.

Professor, Psychology

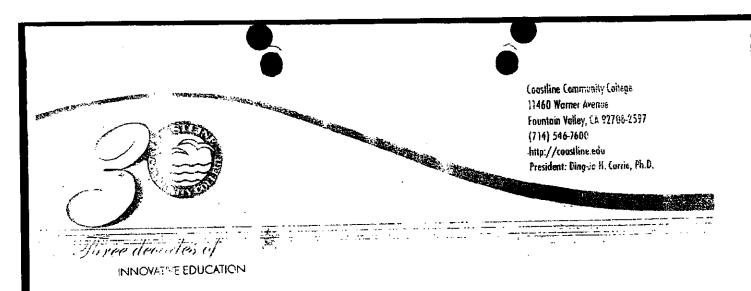
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Andre Boston Dear

Your petition for graduation has been evaluated and the following condition prevails:

You have met all requirements for the Associate in Arts degree and Certificate of

- You will be eligible for the Associate in Arts degree and Certificate of Achievement at the end of this semester providing you complete t he course(s) in which you are currently enrolled and maintain a "C" average.
- You will have met all the course requirements for the Associate in Arts degree and Certificate of Achievement upon completion of the course(s) in which you are currently enrolled. However, you are dangerously close to achieving less than a "C" average. You are encouraged to make every effort to obtain the highest grades you can in order to meet the 2.00 grade point average requirement.

I will be sending you Associate in Arts degree and Certificate of Achievement a few weeks after the end of the semester.

Graduation ceremonies will be held May 18, 2008 at which time the Associate in Arts degree and/or Certificate of Achievement will be conferred. Information will be mailed two months prior to the ceremony. If you have any questions, please call me at (714) 241-6325.

Sincerely, omening,

Rachel Cervantes

Admissions & Records Technician

DEPARTMENT OF CORNECTIONS AND REHABILITATION

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

NAME: BOSTON

CDC#: D03868 HOUSING: B3-235L

semester through Goastline Community College Distance Learning Program, a special extended education project Inmate BOSTON, CDC# D03868, has completed 6 units (Business 110, Business 150) in the Fall 2007 at Pleasant Valley State Prison. His dedication to self-improvement and continued learning is to be commended.

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