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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

Lailoni DeAndre Morrison

Appellant,

vs.

Brian S. Williams - Warden

Respondent.

Supreme Court No. 70618

District Court No. C175914

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**APPELLANT'S INFORMAL BRIEF**

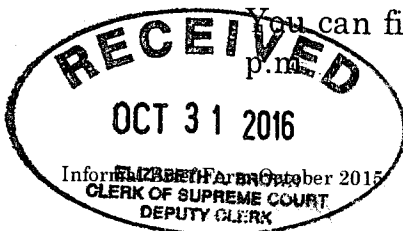
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Filed Date	Name of Judgment or Order
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Case No.	Case Title	Name of Court
C175914	Writ of habeas Corpus	Eight Judicial

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**Statement of Facts.** Explain the facts of your case. (Your answer must be provided in the space allowed.)

Petitioner Lailoni DeAndre Morrison states that Jury Instruction given by the Eight Judicial District and the state of Nevada in his Jury conviction trial on second degree murder made his conviction unconstitutional Per se. On or about June 6, 2002, Petitioner MORRISON was found guilty by Clark Jury on charges of second degree murder, a category A felony under NRS 200.010; 200.030; and NRS 193.165

Petitioner Morrison at the age of 22 years old, who had various prior criminal history as a juvenile with extensive background of Possession of controlled substance and his use of Marijuana "Mau" have lead to this Questionable Incident on March 3, 2001. The records demonstrates that Petitioner never seek any professional drug counseling for his abusiveness of marijuana other than a onetime drug court program which he fail to comply with the Directives of that program. Petitioner Morrison may well have been the Victim of an emotional agitation which creates a reasonable doubt as to whether the second Degree Murder was committed with intent, As well as deliberation or Premeditation per the states Jury Instruction. Petitioner's Jury Instructions constitutes a serious due process Violation under state and federal laws Per Nevada supreme court rules state that where the Jury is given erroneous Jury Instructions on second Degree murder Violates Due Process of law Warranting A Judgment of reversal as petitioner's case.

Ground TWO: Petitioner Lailoni DeAndre Morrison alleges that the states Jury Instruction on or about 6/7/2002 was Unconstitutional because the states failures to define intent deliberation as a part of premeditation rather than a Separate Element. Petitioner Lailoni DeAndre Morrison, on July 25, 2002, was given TWO (2) 10 to life sentences for second Degree Murder with Eligibility for parole after a minimum of 10 years has been served petitioner Morrison states the improper Instruction given to the Jury denied him due process of law which clearly established under federal law that Jury Instructions must be considered in the context of the Instruction as a whole

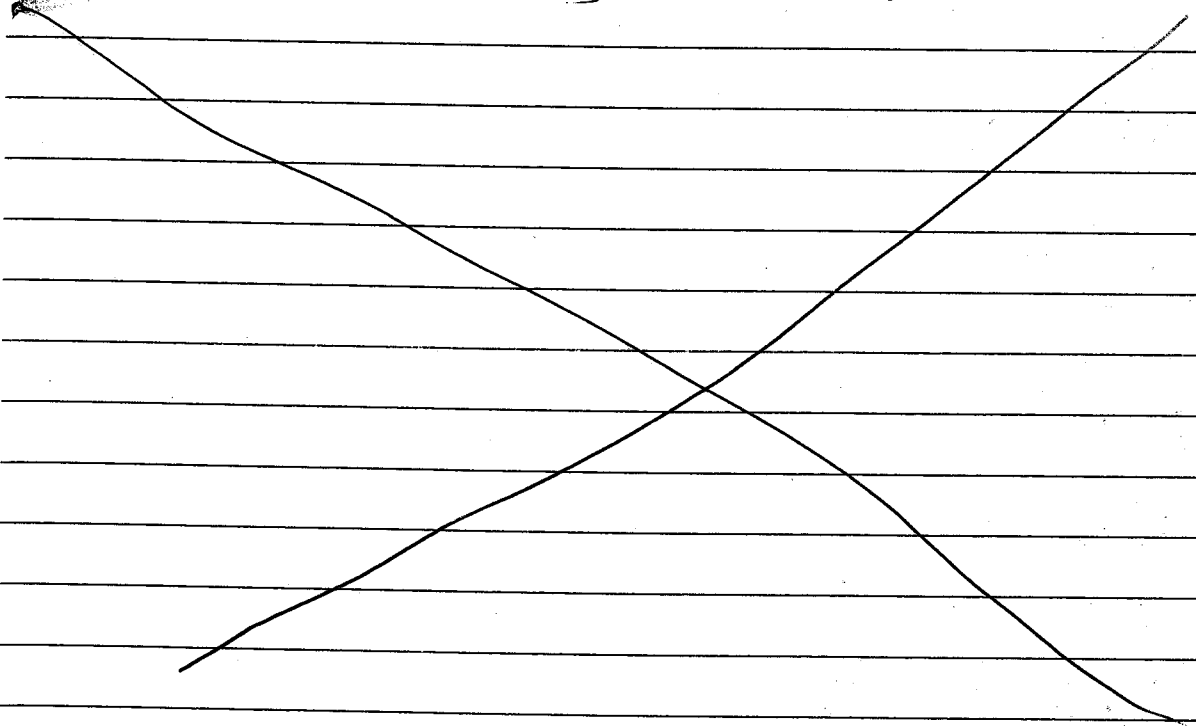
and the trial records. The ninth circuit court of appeals in case "Billy Ray Riley" reverse and remand due to one particular guilt phase instruction given at his trial violated process rights by advising the jury that if it finds "premeditation" it has necessarily found deliberation. Petitioner Morrison suffers the identical violation as Riley. However, if a jury is given two theories upon which they can convict the defendant and one of those theories is wrong then it's obvious that petitioner Morrison like "Riley" suffered prejudice and was denied his fundamental due process rights to a fair trial because of the incorrect instruction. This violation under state and federal law does require his convictions to be set aside. Also see Pike v. Sandoval (503 F.3d 903) (9th Cir 2007). Where "incorrect jury instruction on 'Intent' was a error then petitioner Morrison was prejudiced.

**Statement of District Court Error.** Explain why you believe the district court was wrong. Also state what action you want the Nevada Supreme Court to take. (Your answer must be provided in the space allowed).

Petitioner Lailoni Deandre Morrison alleges that Jury Instruction No 25 second degree Murder with use of a deadly weapon is inappropriate because no weapon nor DNA forensic testing connected him to any weapon warrants dismissal. The element of Intent and use of a deadly weapon "must" under federal law given it's true ordinary black's law dictionary meaning so that the jury could see that the petitioner Morrison lacked the capacity to deliberate and premeditate with Intent a crime without the without the use of a deadly weapon.

Petitioner states that the only challenge the state will argue is procedurally

barred which denying petitioner's writ on solely on procedural grounds would work to a fundamental miscarriage of Justice" (State vs. Bennett, 119 NEV. 589, 81 P. 3d 1 (2003)); the Nevada supreme court found that application of procedural bars to preclude consideration of the defendant's habeas claim would result in a fundamental miscarriage of Justice. NRS 34.72(1); NRS 34.810; and NRS 34.800. See Mitchell vs. State, 122 NEV. 1249, 149 P. 3d, 33. Petitioner Morrison states this petition has good cause to file his new writ because it involves the filing of a writ of habeas corpus after a significant substantive change in the law - as in this present case. Petitioner's convictions must be vacated and set-aside with the appointment of a new trial or as an alternative "Time served with no Parole after release is granted. No life-Time Parole."



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DATED this 25<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016.

Lailoni D. Morrison

Signature of Appellant

Lailoni D. Morrison

Print Name of Appellant



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