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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA JUN 26 2019

JOEL BURKETT

Appellant,

VS.

William Bitter, Warden

Respondent.

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Supreme Court No. 78868

District Court No. 4-19-788633-W

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Filed Date	Name of Judgment or Order
2-3-19	JOEL BURKETT V. THE STATE OF NEVADA

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Case No.	Case Title	Name of Court

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

BURKETT'S TRIAL ATTORNEY CONCEDED HIS GUILT WITHOUT HIS CONSENT TO THE CRIME OF SEXUAL ASSAULT. THE JURY WAS INSTRUCTED "IF THE ATTORNEYS STIPULATE OR AGREE TO THE EXISTANCE OF A FACT, YOU MUST ACCEPT THE STIPULATION AS EVIDENCE AND REGARD THE FACT AS PROVEN" (JURY INSTRUCTION 20)

IN THE FACE OF JURY INSTRUCTION 20,
COUNSEL INFORMED THE JURY:

"WHAT COULD YOU FIND HIM GUILTY OF
THESE FOUR COUNTS, THAT LEAVES
ONE COUNT... THAT HE HAD SEXUAL

INTERCOURSE WITH HER AGAINST HER
WILL, BY FORCE OR FEAR, A SEXUAL
ASSAULT, MORE REFINED WAY FOR

RAPE, ALL RIGHT, AND THERE WAS EVIDENCE
OF THAT TAKING THE BEST EVENTS,
BECAUSE SHE AGREED IT WASN'T WITH
HER CONSENT (TRIAL TRANSCRIPT PG. 476)

THAT'S EVIDENCE OF RAPE (T.T. PG 477)

YOU COULD COME BACK WITH A VERDICT
OF GUILTY OF SEXUAL ASSAULT (T.T. PG 477)

ONLY ONE CRIME YOU CAN FIND HIM
GUILTY OF, THAT'S SEXUAL ASSAULT,

ONE COUNT OF HAVING SEXUAL INTERCOURSE
WITH TINA CAGE, BECAUSE TO FIND

HIM GUILTY OF THE REST YOU HAVE
TO FIND BEYOND A REASONABLE
DOUBT (T.T. PG (479) YOU KNOW IT

COULD BE IN PART TRUE EVERYTHING
AFTER THE FACT OF GOING OUT IN THE
DESERT MAYBE HE FORCED HIMSELF
ON HER (T.T. PG 481)

HE WENT ON TO TELL THE JURY; "SO WE REALLY ARE DOWN, NOT A VERY HARD PROBLEM AS FAR AS YOU CONCERNED BECAUSE, COURSE I'M HERE TO TRY AND CONVINCE YOU OTHERWISE" (T.T. pg 480)(481) COUNSEL HAD INFORMED THE JURY BURKEIT WAS GUILTY OF SEXUAL ASSAULT, CONTRARY TO BURKEIT'S OWN TESTIMONY (T.T. pg 390, - 423) VIOLATING BURKEIT'S SIXTH AMENDMENT RIGHT OF AUTONOMY McCoy V. Louisiana #138 S.Ct 1500(2018)

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).

~~NOTICEABLY~~ MISSING FROM THE DISTRICT COURT'S ORDER OR REASONING IS THE FACT THE JURY WAS INSTRUCTED "IF THE ATTORNEYS STIPULATE OR AGREE TO THE EXISTANCE OF A FACT, YOU MUST ACCEPT THE STIPULATION AS EVIDENCE AND REGARD THE FACT AS PROVEN" (JURY INSTRUCTION 20) IN LIGHT OF THAT INSTRUCTION TRIAL COUNSEL'S CONCESSIONS WAS

IN FACT A GUILTY PLEA AND/OR
DIRECTED VERDICT FOR THE CRIME
OF SEXUAL ASSAULT. THERE SIMPLY IS
NO WAY AROUND THAT FACT.
LIKEWISE, THE DISTRICT COURT POWERS
TO THIS COURT'S DECISION IN,
HATHAWAY V. STATE 119 NEU 243 (2003)
THAT BURKETT COULD HAVE RAISED HIS
CLAIM SOONER, THIS IS OF COURSE
MISLEADING, BECAUSE BURKETT HAD
NO SIXTH AMENDMENT SECURED
AUTONOMY RIGHT UNTIL THE
UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT'S
RULING IN, MC COY (SUPRA) SEE
JUSTICE ALITO'S DISSENT; "SO THE
COURT'S NEWLY DISCOVERED FUNDAMENTAL
RIGHT" IT DID NOT EXIST PRIOR
TO MC COY (SUPRA)

BURKETT CONTENTS THAT HE MUST
BE GRANTED A NEW TRIAL PURSUANT
TO MC COY (SUPRA) MOREOVER,
THAT MC COY (SUPRA) APPLIES
RETROACTIVELY PURSUANT TO

THIS COURT'S REASONING IN
COUNSEL V. STATE 137 P.3D 1095 (2002),
ENNIS V. STATE 59 P.3D 463 (2002)

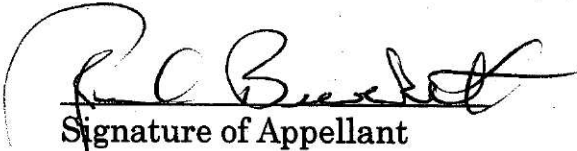
IT DOES NOT MATTER THAT TRIAL
COUNSEL MAY HAVE VIGOROUSLY
ARGUED BURKEIT WAS NOT GUILTY
OF THE OTHER CRIMES CHARGED,
ONCE COUNSEL STIPULATED THE
STATE HAD PROVEN THE CRIME OF
SEXUAL ASSAULT, THERE WAS
NOTHING LEFT FOR THE JURY TO
DO BUT SIGN THE GUILTY VERDICT.

THE COURT IN ARMENTAY V. STATE,
306 P.3D 395 (2013) HELD;
"A CONCESSION OF GUILT STRATEGY
IS NOT THE EQUIVALENT OF
A GUILTY PLEA" HOWEVER,
BURKEIT IS DISTINGUISHABLE FROM
THAT HOLDING IN LIGHT OF
JURY INSTRUCTION 20.
COUNSEL TOLD THE JURY: "YOU
COULD COME BACK WITH A VERDICT
OF GUILTY OF SEXUAL ASSAULT
(TOTA Pg 471) AND THAT

" TO FIND HIM GUILTY OF THE BEST
YOU HAVE TO FIND BEYOND A
REASONABLE DOUBT " (Tate Pg 479)

BURKETT RESPECTFULLY SUBMITS
THAT AFTER 40 YEARS OF
IMPRISONMENT JUSTICE DEMANDS
THIS COURT GRANT HIM A NEW
TRIAL WHEREIN THE JURY MUST
FIND BEYOND A REASONABLE DOUBT
AS TO EVERY CRIME CHARGED.

DATED this 20 day of JUNE, 2019.


Signature of Appellant

JOEL BURKETT
Print Name of Appellant

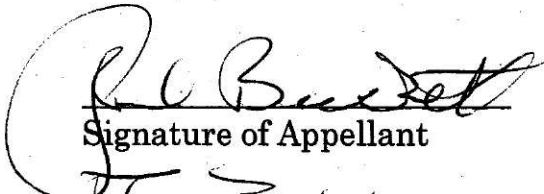
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