

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

MICHAEL MCNAIR

Appellant,

vs.

THE STATE OF NEVADA

Respondent.

Docket No. 78871

Direct Appeal From A Judgment of Conviction
Eighth Judicial District Court
The Honorable Douglas Herndon, District Judge
District Court No. C-17-327395-1

**MOTION FOR EXTENSTION OF TIME TO FILE
OPENING BRIEF (1st REQUEST)**

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COMES NOW, Appellant Michael McNair, by and through his attorney, Navid Afshar, Deputy Special Public Defender, and requests this Honorable Court to grant an extension of time to file the opening brief in this matter.

STATEMENT OF THE CASE

This is an appeal from a judgment of conviction of First Degree Murder with Use of a Deadly Weapon and Carrying a Concealed Firearm or Other Deadly Weapon. Mr. McNair was charged by way of Information with Murder with use of a deadly weapon and Carrying Concealed Firearm or other deadly weapon on October 24, 2017. Mr. McNair proceeded to trial and the jury returned a verdict of guilty as to First Degree Murder with use of a deadly weapon and Carrying a Concealed Firearm or other deadly weapon. Mr. McNair agreed to waive the penalty hearing and be sentenced by the Court if the Jury found him guilty of first degree murder. The Court sentenced Mr. McNair on May 1, 2019 to 20 years to Life plus a consecutive term of 60-240 months for the use of the deadly weapon and a concurrent sentence for Count 2. The Judgment

of Conviction was filed May 3, 2019 and the Notice of Appeal was timely filed on May 22, 2019.

The Opening Brief is due September 30, 2019. Based on the reasons set forth in the declaration attached hereto, counsel for Appellant is requesting an extension of time to file the Opening Brief. It is respectfully requested that this Court grant this initial request for a continuance of 90 days for Appellant to file the Opening Brief and Appendix, up to and including December 29, 2019.

POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

NRAP 31(b)(3)(B) sets forth in pertinent part:

A motion for extension of time for filing a brief may be made no later than the due date for the brief....

(B) ...The court will grant an initial motion for extension of time for filing a brief only upon a clear showing of good cause. The court shall not grant additional extensions of time except upon a showing of extraordinary circumstances and extreme need.

CONCLUSION

Based on the Declaration attached hereto, Mr. McNair requests the

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Court grant his motion for an extension of time to file the Opening Brief and Appendix, up to and including December 29, 2019.

DATED this 30th day of September, 2019.

SUBMITTED BY:

/s/ NAVID AFSHAR

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DECLARATION OF NAVID AFSHAR

NAVID AFSHAR, hereby declares as follows:

1. That I am an attorney duly licensed to practice law in the State of Nevada, and the deputy with the Clark County Special Public Defender's office assigned to represent Mr. McNair on his direct appeal from a Judgment of Conviction (Verdict From Jury Trial).
2. I was not the trial attorney in this case but assisted trial counsel at certain points.
3. That McNair's Opening Brief is due September 30, 2019.

4. I have been working diligently on my review of the record and draft of the brief, but I have been unable to complete the brief due to a number of factors:

- a. Additional legal research and analysis is necessary; and
- b. I have been and I am still assisting with and involved on a capital case appeal brief, Barlow v. State, Case No. 77055; I was assisting with post judgment pleadings, and specifically, a request for a new trial in a recent remanded murder trial, Orellana adv. State, Case No. C252397.
- c. I was preparing for an oral argument before this Honorable Court that took place on September 10, 2019, Campis v. State, Case No. C320461.
- d. I am completing the opening brief for Latorre v. State, Case No. 78411.
- e. My next appellate brief due with this Honorable Court after Barlow v. State and Latorre v. State, is Arenas v. State, Case no. 78673, which was a three and a half week capital trial that resulted in a verdict of life without parole. This brief contains about 30 volumes that will go into the final appendix and requires a great deal of research and preparation. In order to properly focus on these briefs and Mr. McNair's, an extension is needed from this Honorable Court.

I declare that I make this request in good faith and not for purposes of delay.

Dated: 9/30/19

/s/ NAVID AFSHAR

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Attorney for McNair

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned does hereby certify that on 9/30/19, a copy of the foregoing MOTION was served as follows:

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