IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

LUIS ANGEL CASTRO,
Appellant,

v. CASE NO: 86310

THE STATE OF NEVADA,

Respondent.

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proposed negotiation

1 message

Warren Geller < wgeller@defense.vegas > To: Jose Castro < tonycastro.jc@gmail.com >

Sat, Feb 2, 2019 at 4:47 PM

Jose,

I wanted to follow up on our call last night to let you and your parents know the status of the negotiations and trial. After extensive back and forth between all of the defense attorneys and the prosecutor, the prosecutor reluctantly agreed to allow all defendants to plead to one count of first-degree kidnapping resulting in substantial bodily harm. In Angel's case, the prosecutor will also agree to dismiss his other armed robbery case wherein he is accused of using a machete to steal a vehicle from a victim.

At sentencing the judge will have two options for each defendant: life with parole eligibility at 15 years, or life with no chance at parole. If the judge does not preside over the trial wherein he would hear from the doctors, the detectives, and, most importantly, the victim describing the events, then I will be in a superior position to control the narrative relative to a sentencing after a jury trial. Meaning, the prosecutor will speak to the court first (wherein she will doubtless ask for life without parole) and then I can speak second and point out the fact that Angel left when the torture started getting particularly brutal. Also, I will file a sentencing memorandum prior to sentencing which will include screenshots of Angel at the store and hopefully I can re-establish contact with Sherri Aguilar to get an affidavit from her regarding Angel's alibi when he was at her house. Further, I can argue to the judge that, by negotiating, Angel took responsibility for his foolish decisions and is therefore deserving of more leniency, which, in this case, is parole eligibility at 15 years (minus the three years of credit that he has).

By contrast, after a trial, judges tend to sentence defendants far more harshly because they personally hear about all the gory details from the witnesses and they also feel more invested in the case. Additionally, and most notably, if a trial occurs judges tend to sentence more harshly because the defendant never took responsibility for his poor decisions which, in turn, shows the court that he is more likely to commit a new crime since he appears to believe that he did nothing wrong.

The best argument against accepting this negotiation is that if the judge has to pick between 15 years and life, given how awful the facts of the case are, he may err on the side of selecting life because he has no middle ground options like, say, 25 years. However, I do want to be clear about one thing – if the case goes to trial Angel will lose on most, if not all, counts and I can say with 99% certainty that the judge will sentence him to more than 15 years. Here are the charges and penalties below for each count he would face at trial:

Count 1: Conspiracy to Commit Murder: 2-10 years prison.

Count 2: Attempt Murder with use of a Deadly Weapon: 2-20 + 1-20.

Count 3: Mayhem with use of a Deadly Weapon: 2-10 + 1-10.

Count 4: Battery with Use of a Deadly Weapon Resulting in Substantial Bodily Harm: 2-15.

Count 5: First Degree Kidnapping with use of Deadly Weapon Resulting in Substantial Bodily Harm: Life without parole, 15 to life, or 15 – 40 plus 1-20.

Count 6: Extortion with use of a Deadly Weapon: 1-10 + 1-10.

Count 7: Robbery with use of a Deadly Weapon: 2-15 + 1-15.

Court 8: First Degree Arson: 2-15.

I also want to emphasize that my "defense" that Angel abandoned the conspiracy to torture and kill the victim will present better without a trial. I say this because, at trial, the prosecution will call witnesses to cut the legs out of much of it by establishing that Angel returned to get the other defendants as they were lighting the house on fire and that he resided with one of them up until the time of his arrest. Also, most importantly, they will present evidence that Angel must have been ordering the torture because the money was owed to him by the victim (I know that, in reality, Angel did not order it, but the evidence really does point strongly towards the opposite conclusion).

To summarize, if the case settles, the prosecutor will turn her attention to her other cases and focus vastly less attention on calling into question Angel's alleged abandonment of the conspiracy to torture, extort, and kill the victim. This will, in turn, keep much of her attack on his defense away from the judge's eyes and ears. Therefore, if Angel settles the case it is my belief that his explanation that he abandoned the conspiracy when things got too intense will sell much better because the State won't be painstakingly calling witnesses to show how weak that defense actually is due, in part, to the fact that the debt was owed to Angel so it logically follows that the other defendants were acting at Angel's behest. In short, I will be in a vastly better position to sell a case for leniency after a negotiation than after he loses at trial.

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Finally, although I would accept this negotiation if I were in Angel's shoes to keep much of the brutality of the offense away from the court's attention and to be able to get the benefit of taking responsibility, I want to be clear that I will entirely respect his decision and your family's recommendation to him if it is to take the case to trial. If Angel wishes to proceed to trial, he will not get a halfhearted effort on my part. Conversely, if he wishes to negotiate, my job is far from over – I will spend the next 45 days putting together a beautiful sentencing memorandum with the materials that your mother brought me, Angel's biography, and screenshots of surveillance proving that he left and went to 7-Eleven. In sum, I think Angel's best shot at getting out of prison with some meaningful part of his life left to enjoy is by this negotiation, but, because that outcome is not assured, I will absolutely respect his wishes if he chooses trial and he will receive my best efforts. As always, please let me know if you or your family has any questions about the situation.

Take care,

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DISTRICT COURT
CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

Petitioner,

Case No: A-21-835827-W

Dept No: XVII

STATE OF NEVADA,

Respondent,

NOTICE OF ENTRY OF FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on March 6, 2023, the court entered a decision or order in this matter, a true and correct copy of which is attached to this notice.

You may appeal to the Supreme Court from the decision or order of this court. If you wish to appeal, you must file a notice of appeal with the clerk of this court within thirty-three (33) days after the date this notice is mailed to you. This notice was mailed on March 8, 2023.

STEVEN D. GRIERSON, CLERK OF THE COURT

/s/ Amanda Hampton

Amanda Hampton, Deputy Clerk

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I hereby certify that on this 8 day of March 2023, I served a copy of this Notice of Entry on the following:

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STATEMENT OF THE CASE

On March 10, 2016, Luis Castro (hereinafter "Petitioner") was charged by way of Criminal Complaint as follows: Count 1- Conspiracy to Commit Murder (Category B Felony); Count 2 - Attempted Murder with Use of a Deadly Weapon (Category B Felony); Count 3 - Mayhem (Category B Felony); Count 4 - Battery with Use of a Deadly Weapon Resulting in Substantial Bodily Harm (Category B Felony); Count 5 - First Degree Kidnapping with Use of a Deadly Weapon (Category B Felony); Count 6 - Extortion with Use of a Deadly Weapon (Category B Felony); Count 8 - First Degree Arson (Category B Felony). He was one (1) of four (4) co-defendants.

On April 12, 2019, Petitioner was bound up to the District Court on all charges following a preliminary hearing.

After four (4) continued trial dates, Petitioner and his co-defendants ultimately pled guilty on the first day of trial. Petitioner pled guilty to one count of First-Degree Kidnapping Resulting in Substantial Bodily Harm (Category A Felony). Pursuant to the Guilty Plea Agreement ("GPA"): "This offer is conditioned upon all four (4) Defendants accepting their respective negotiations and being sentenced. All Parties agree the State will have the right to argue for Life without the possibility of Parole, and the Defense will argue for Life with the possibility of Parole after fifteen (15) years. All Parties agree that no one will seek a term of years."

On March 22, 2019, the State filed a Sentencing Memorandum. On March 24, 2019, Petitioner filed a Sentencing Memorandum on Behalf of Defendant Luis Castro ("Petitioner's Sentencing Memo"). On March 26, 2019, Petitioner was sentenced to life without the possibility of Parole in the Nevada Department of Corrections.

On November 24, 2020, the Nevada Supreme Court affirmed Petitioner's Judgment of Conviction. Remittitur issued on November 17, 2020.

On June 7, 2021, Petitioner filed a pro per Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (Post-Conviction) ("Petition"), a Motion for Appointment of Counsel, and a Request for an Evidentiary Hearing on the Petition. On July 6, 2021, Petitioner filed a Supplement to Petition

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for Writ of Habeas Corpus ("Supplemental Petition"). On July 14, 2021, Petitioner filed Memorandum of Facts and Law In Support of Petitioner's Motion for Appointment of Counsel ("Memo In Support") and various other pleadings. On July 27, 2021, the State filed a Response to the Petition, Supplemental Petition, Memo In Support, and various pleadings. Petitioner filed a Reply on August 26, 2021. This Court denied the Petition, Motion for Appointment of Counsel, and Request for an Evidentiary Hearing on September 21, 2021.

Petitioner appealed the denial of his Petition on October 19, 2021. Following appellate briefing, on July 8, 2022, the Nevada Court of Appeals affirmed in part, reversed in part, and remanded to the district court the denial of the Petition. The Court of Appeals held that this court correctly denied Petitioner's claims that (1) he did not enter his plea knowingly and voluntarily due to "low intellectual functioning," (Order at 2) (2) counsel was ineffective for failing to move to sever his case or challenge the contingent plea offers, (Order at 3), and (3) counsel was ineffective for allowing him to entered into a pela agreement that resulted in a prison sentence of life without the possibility of parole, (Order at 4). The Court further concluded that this Court correctly disregarded Petitioner's supplemental petition. (Order at 6), and that this Court did not "inaccurately embellish" the sentencing memorandum (Id.) However, the Court of Appeals held that this Court erred by denying Petitioner's claim that counsel advised his parents that all four co-defendants would be prosecuted separately, and that counsel advised Petitioner's parents that he would receive a prison sentence of 15 to 25 years if he accepted the plea, and that Petitioner's parents coerced him into pleading guilty without conducting an evidentiary hearing. (Order at 4-5.). Because the Court of Appeals held that this Court erred with respect to that claim, the Court further ordered this court to reconsider whether Petitioner should be appointed counsel. (Order at 6.)

Subsequent to the Court of Appeals remanding the case, this Court appointed counsel. Counsel filed a supplemental petition for writ of habeas corpus on September 19, 2022. ("Second Supplemental Petition") The State responded on November 22, 2022. Petitioner did

not file a reply. The Court set an evidentiary hearing, which was held on January 20, 2023. Following the hearing, the Court denied the remaining claims.

ANALYSIS

I. PETITIONER'S CLAIM THAT COUNSEL ADVISED HIS PARENTS THAT ALL FOUR CO-DEFENDANTS WOULD BE SENTENCED SEPERATELY IS DENIED

The Sixth Amendment to the United States Constitution provides that, "[i]n all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right . . . to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defense." The United States Supreme Court has long recognized that "the right to counsel is the right to the effective assistance of counsel." <u>Strickland v. Washington</u>, 466 U.S. 668, 686, 104 S. Ct. 2052, 2063 (1984); <u>see also State v. Love</u>, 109 Nev. 1136, 1138, 865 P.2d 322, 323 (1993).

To establish a claim of ineffective assistance of counsel for advice regarding a guilty plea, a defendant must show "gross error on the part of counsel." <u>Turner v. Calderon</u>, 281 F.3d 851, 880 (9th Cir. 2002). When a conviction is the result of a guilty plea, a defendant must show that there is a "reasonable probability that, but for counsel's errors, he would not have pleaded guilty and would have insisted on going to trial." <u>Hill v. Lockhart</u>, 474 U.S. 52, 59, 106 S.Ct. 366, 370 (1985) (emphasis added); <u>see also Kirksey v. State</u>, 112 Nev. 980, 988, 923 P.2d 1102, 1107 (1996); <u>Molina v. State</u>, 120 Nev. 185, 190-91, 87 P.3d 533, 537 (2004). A defendant is not entitled to relief on claims which are belied and repelled by the record. <u>Hargrove v. State</u>, 100 Nev. 498, 502, 686 P.2d 222, 225 (1984). "A claim is 'belied' when it is contradicted or proven to be false by the record as it existed at the time the claim was made." <u>Mann v. State</u>, 118 Nev. 351, 354, 46 P.3d 1228, 1230 (2002).

At the evidentiary hearing on January 30, 2023, Petitioner's counsel, Mr. Warren Geller, Esq., testified. <u>Transcript of Proceedings ("TP")</u>, January 20, 2023, at 4-25. Petitioner's father, Jose Castro, Sr., testified. <u>Id.</u> at 26-33. Petitioner's mother, Angeles Castro, testified. <u>Id.</u> at 34-43. Petitioner's brother, Jose Castro, Jr., testified. <u>Id.</u> at 43-50. Finally, Petitioner

testified. <u>Id.</u> at 51-57. Petitioner and both his parents testified with the assistance of a Spanish interpreter.

Mr. Castro testified that Mr. Geller told him that he was going to separate the case because Petitioner was not present for the entire crime and that petitioner "would get what was coming to him for the time that he was there." <u>Transcript of Proceedings ("TP")</u>, January 20, 2023, at 29. Mrs. Castro testified that Mr. Geller had said Petitioner would be sentenced separate from the other co-defendants. <u>Id.</u> at 36. Petitioner's brother, Jose Castro, Jr., testified that he believed Petitioner would be sentenced separately. <u>Id.</u> at 46.

Mr. Geller testified that he did not recall saying that the Petitioner would receive a separate sentencing hearing from the co-defendants, but did recall explaining that each defendant received an individualized sentence. <u>Id.</u> at 11. Mr. Geller testified that there were facts in the case that were both a little more aggravating and a little more mitigating, and that the court may have imposed different sentences based on that. <u>Id.</u> at 11-12. Mr. Geller understood, through many years of practice, that the majority of the time co-defendants are sentenced together on the same date, especially when there are victim speakers. <u>Id.</u>at 23-24. He did not recall anything about this case that would have caused the Court to sentence Petitioner on a separate date, or that he told the family that would happen. <u>Id.</u>

The Court finds that Mr. Geller is credible and that he adequately explained that while each sentence would be individualized the case was not to be altogether separated. While it is possible there was a misunderstanding given the numerous communications and presence of an interpreter, such a misunderstanding does not rise to deficient performance, nor does it render the guilty plea either unknowing or involuntary. Accordingly, the claim is denied.

II. PETITIONER'S CLAIM THAT COUNSEL ADVISED PETITIONER'S PARENTS THAT HE WOULD RECEIVE A SENTENCE OF 15-25 YEARS IS DENIED

Mr. Castro testified that, during a meeting with Mr. Geller, Mr. Geller told him that if Petitioner accepted the negotiations he would face a sentence of 15-25 years with the opportunity to get out, or something to that effect. <u>TP</u>, at 28. Because Mr. Geller does not speak Spanish, these negotiations occurred with the assistance of a translator. <u>Id.</u> at 28-29. Mr.

Castro testified that Mr. Geller would not send emails to him or his wife but did send emails to his son, would meet with them in person, and spoke with them over the phone through his son. Id. at 28-29, 32-33.

Mrs. Castro testified that Mr. Geller told her "in person, by email, and on the telephone" about the negotiations. <u>Id.</u> at 35, 39. She understood the negotiations to be 15-25 years maximum. <u>Id.</u> She testified that they had "very many interviews" with Mr. Geller. <u>Id.</u> at 39. When Mrs. Castro met with Mr. Geller, their son Jose interpreted for them. <u>Id.</u> at 40-41.

Petitioner's brother, Jose Castro Jr., testified that he acted as a translator between his parents and Mr. Geller from "time to time" and that when Mr. Geller would communicate with him he would let his parents know. <u>Id.</u> at 44-46. He testified that the conversation where Mr. Geller said Petitioner was facing a 15-25 year sentence occurred in person. <u>Id.</u> at 49. He testified that when Mr. Geller emailed it was just "information about [Petitioner's] case." <u>Id.</u> He testified that he received an email, and that his understanding from the email was the same as the conversation in person, that Petitioner would receive a sentence of 15-25 years. <u>Id.</u> at 49-50.

Petitioner testified that Mr. Geller explained he had two options, a 15 to life sentence, and a life without the possibility of parole sentence. <u>Id.</u> at 52. Mr. Geller explained the offer and that there was a 75% chance that he would get a 15-to-life sentence because he did not have a criminal history he might get a lower sentence or, if he behaved himself in prison, would be released early and deported. <u>Id.</u> at 54-56. Consequently, there was a 25% chance he would get a sentence of life without the possibility of parole. <u>Id.</u> at 56. Mr. Geller explained that an accomplice was liable for the same sentence as a perpetrator. <u>Id.</u> at 55-56.

Mr. Geller testified that he had emailed Petitioner's brother the proposed negotiation on Saturday, February 2nd. <u>Id.</u> at 6, 18. That email was entered into evidence and considered by the court. <u>Id.</u> at 19. The two potential sentences were life without the possibility of parole, and life with the possibility of parole after 15 years, and the offer was contingent on all defendants accepting. <u>Id.</u> at 6. In addition to the email, Mr. Geller's notes indicated that there was a follow-up call with the family explaining the offer. <u>Id.</u> at 20. Mr. Geller testified that

there "was a lot of back and forth" between the defense and the State regarding an offer, but that the State had rejected his proposed negotiations. <u>Id.</u> at 7. He testified that at one point he had asked for a right to argue on both sides, but that the State rejected the offer and insisted on a life-tail sentence. <u>Id.</u> at 16-18. He testified that he met with the family several times, largely through Jose, and that they would meet in person, talk via email, and over the phone. <u>Id.</u> at 9-10. Mr. Geller testified that he advised Petitioner to accept the pela negotiations because there was little chance of a better outcome at trial and, by accepting the negotiations, they could "avoid the Court hearing a lot of the gruesome details" in painstaking detail over the course of trial, and that they might get some benefit from the Court in sentencing by accepting responsibility. <u>Id.</u> at 10. He explained this to Petitioner's brother via email. <u>Id.</u> He testified that he did not tell petitioner's parents that Petitioner would receive a 15-25 year sentence, because that offer was not on the table, but that he might do a minimum of 15 years before being released on parole. <u>Id.</u> at 12-13.

As with the first claim, the Court finds Mr. Geller credible, and finds that the email he sent to the family clearly spells out the two potential sentences; Life with the possibility of parole after 15 years, or life without the possibility of parole. Based on the testimony presented at the evidentiary hearing, it is possible that different family members misunderstood, or understood only portions of the negotiation. The family members testified inconsistently regarding their understanding of the offer, and even what form various meetings took. Regardless, the email and Mr. Geller's notes indicate that an email was sent, and that Mr. Geller followed up with a phone call to the family, reflecting the correct negotiations. While the family may have misunderstood the offer, Petitioner testified that he knew the two potential sentences and that he entered into the plea knowing those were the options. Accordingly, the claim is denied.

III. PETITIONER'S CLAIM THAT HE WAS COERCED INTO ENTERING THE PLEA IS DENIED

Mr. Castro testified that he encouraged his son to accept the plea agreement because Mr. Castro had already taken out a loan on his house to defend Petitioner, and that he would

not be able to come up with an additional \$50,000 to defend him. <u>TP</u> at 30. If Petitioner chose not to accept the negotiations, Mr. Geller explained to Mr. Castro that the proceedings would transfer to a different court, Mr. Castro would lose the benefit of the negotiations, and it would cost and additional \$50,000 to defend him. <u>Id.</u> at 32.

Petitioner testified that he was aware his attorney was speaking with his parents but did not know how strong the communication was between them. Id. at 53. He testified that he only had one phone call with his parents about accepting the negotiations, and they explained that if he did not accept the negotiations, they could not help him anymore. <u>Id.</u> at 53-54. Petitioner testified that he did not know how much money his parents paid for the case or how they paid for it before the day of the evidentiary hearing. Id. at 54. Petitioner asked Mr. Geller whether there was a possibility for a different negotiation, and Mr. Geller explained the offer and that there was a 75% chance that he would get a 15-to-life sentence because he did not have a criminal history, he might get a lower sentence or, if he behaved himself in prison, would be released early and deported. Id. at 54-56. Consequently, there was a 25% chance he would get a sentence of life without the possibility of parole. Id. at 56. Mr. Geller explained that an accomplice was liable for the same sentence as a perpetrator. Id. at 55-56. Mr. Geller testified that he did not recall telling Petitioner's parents that they needed to persuade him to accept the negotiations, but did believe the negotiations were in Petitioner's best interests. Id. at 13. The email Mr. Geller sent indicated that if Petitioner did not accept the negotiations that Mr. Geller would still be a zealous advocate for him at trial. Id. at 22.

Mr. Geller testified that his fee structure was such that if the case settled in justice court he charged \$20,000 to represent a client through sentencing, and that if the matter proceeded to district court the fee would have been an additional \$50,000. Id. at 13-14. Because the matter negotiated in district court, he believed the total fee should have been \$70,000. Id. at 13-14. He did not believe, based on his fee structure, that he asked Petitioner's parents for additional money unless there was some other service that was required. Id. at 14. He did get the office of appointed counsel to pay for a doctor to do a psychological evaluation, and that the parents hired an investigator at one point. Id. He did not recall saying that if the parents could not come

1	up with an additional \$50,000 that petitioner would have to get another lawyer. Id. at 14-15.
2	Mr. Geller believed he had been paid in full by the time the trial was to begin when Petitioner
3	pled guilty. Id. at 21-22.
4	The Court finds that Petitioner was not unduly coerced into entering the plea. The email
5	Mr. Geller sent clearly indicated that he would continue to represent Petitioner even if he
6	rejected the plea negotiations. Mr. Geller's testimony is credible and contradicts the claims
7	that he demanded additional money from Petitioner's family. Accordingly, the claim is denied.
8	<u>ORDER</u>
9	THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Supplemental Petition for Writ of
10	Habeas Corpus shall be, and it is, hereby DENIED.
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12	Dated this 6th day of March, 2023
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16	Nevada Bar #001565 Jennifer Schwartz District Court Judge
17	BY /s/ John Afshar
18	JOHN AFSHAR Chief Deputy District Attorney
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