

HELLO, MY NAME IS WILLIAM B. Hodges 4th.. # ESSAY # 2

PATRICK COUNTY VA. I WANT TO STATE THE FOLLOWING, I DO NOT THINK I WAS PROPERLY REPRESENTED IN THE COURT SYSTEM OF PATRICK COUNTY VA. I WAS IVIN COURT APPOINTED COUNSEL HE. CHIP SLATE, AFTER PUBLIC DEFENDER KATILYN RENOYLD'S QUIT MY CASE. I HAVE STUDYD SEVERAL RULES, PROCEDURES, ETHICS, AND STANDARDS, I TOTATALLY THINK THE ALFORD PLEA I TOOK ON OCT 23 2017 AT 1:00 PM IN CIRCUIT COURT OF PATRICK COUNTY WAS <sup>NOT</sup> THE CORRECT PLEA IN MY CASE, I WILL EXPLAIN IN THE FOLLOWING. I WENT TO COURT THIS DAY, AND UPON MY ARRIVAL I TAKEING INTO A ROOM IN THE CIRCUIT COURT ROOM, AND WAS BRIEFD BY MY AHNMY CHIP SLATE. I WAS TOLD WE HAVE A PROBLEM, HE WENT ON TO SAY WE HAD A SIT IN JUDGE ON THIS DAY OF OCT 23 2017 AT 2:00 P.M. HE STATED TO ME THAT THIS JUDGE WAS VERY HARSH, AND GIVES OUT ALOT OF TIME ASKED MR SLATE MY ATTNY. HOW HE KNOWS THIS, HE STATED, BY THE RECORD OF THE JUDGES HISTORY, AND KNOWING HIM PERSONALLY. I TOLD MR SLATE OVER AND OVER I DO NOT WANT TO GO PLEAD A ALFORD PLEA TO MY CHARGE FOR THE FACT THAT IF THE COURT HEARD MY CASE, AND IF MY AHNMY HAD NOT REFUSED TO GET THE VIDEO EVIDENCE I ASKED NOT ONE LAWYER BUT TWO LAWYERS INCLUDING MS RENOYLD'S AND I BELIEVE IT WOULD HELP THE COURT SEE I AM NOT GUILTY OF THIS CHARGE, MY LAWYER MR SLATE DID TELL ME WE WOULD FIGHT THIS CHARGE IF I CHOOSE TOO BUT I WOULD BE FOUND GUILTY NO MATTER WHAT, I KEPT TELLN MR SLATE THAT I DID NOT WANT TO TAKE A ALFORD PLEA, MORE THAN SEVERAL TIMES, BUT BY HIS STATEMENTS I FEEL LIKE I COERCED INTO MY PLEA.

BEGAN TO FEAR THE CHOICES OF FIGHTING MY CASE BUT I BEGAN TOO FEEL LIKE MY CASE WAS PREDECEDDED BY THE WAY MY AHNMY SAID I WOULD NOT GET A FAIR TRIAL IF WE FOUGHT THE CASE. I WAS REALLY AFAPD OF WHAT ALL MY LAWYER TOLD ME WAS GOING TO HAPPEN TO ME, I KEPT TELLN HIM I DID ~~NOT~~ WANT TO FIGHT MY CASE, BUT HE KEPT ON, AND NOW I THINK BY HIS STATEMENTS I WAS COERCED INTO TAKING THE PLEA. I ONLY SPOKE TO MY LAWYER FOR 15 MINUTES AT THE JAIL AND ONLY 10 IN COURT ROOM THAT DAY, I DO NOT THINK I WAS GIVEN AMPLE TIME TO MAKE THE RIGHT

TOOK THIS PLEA, I FEEL LIKE NOW THAT I WAS COERCED INTO THIS PLEA I WAS AFRAID OF WHAT WAS HAPPENING, AND ALSO MY LAWYER TOLD ME I MAY GET LESS TIME BY TAKING THIS PLEA, HOW DID MY LAWYER KNOW THIS BY NOT TRYING MY CASE. ONCE AGAIN I TOLD MR SLATE NO I DO NOT WANT TO PLEAD GUILTY, BUT HE KEPT INSISTING I DO, ON COUNT OF THE JUDGE. I KEPT TELLING MR SLATE WE SHOULD FIGHT, AND IF HE HAD GOT THE EVIDENCE I ASKED TO HELP ME, AND SHOW THAT I'M INNOCENT AND WE TRY THE CASE I BELIEVE I WOULD BE FOUND "NOT GUILTY", BUT HE SAID NO MATTER WHAT THIS JUDGE WILL FIND YOU GUILTY, SO NOW I'M FEELING LIKE I'M THREATENED INTO THE PLEA AND COERCED ALSO. IF THE VIDEO WOULD CONVICT ME I'M SURE THE POLICE WOULD USE IT, WHY WAS MY ATTORNEY AFRAID TO GET THE VIDEO TO HELP ME? I HAVE TRYED TO CONTACT MY ATTORNEY LOTS OF TIMES ONLY TO EITHER NOT TALK TO ANYONE, OR A SECRETARY THAT TOLD ME SHE WOULD TELL HIM MY ISSUES, I'VE TRYED BY MAIL, OTHER PEOPLE WHO ARE POWER OF ATTORNEY TO SPEAK TO HIM THEY TOO HAVE NO CONTACT. I FEEL LIKE I WAS NOT DEFENDED TOTALLY AND NO WAS COERCED INTO MY PLEA, MY EVIDENCE THAT COULD HELP ME WAS NOT OBTAINED, I FEEL LIKE I WAS REALLY MISLED, I WAS TOLD WE COULD GET A HEARING TO COURT SOONER IF I TOOK THE PLEA DID A MODIFIED PRESENTENCE REPORT, AND SENTENCED BY ANOTHER JUDGE. I DON'T THINK IN THE 30 MINUTES HE SPOKE THAT I WAS ALLOWED ENOUGH TIME TO REALLY THINK ABOUT MY CASE. I DON'T KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF I RETRACT MY CASE MY PLEA BUT I TRULY FEEL I WAS TRICKED INTO MY PLEA. I WISH I COULD NOW FIGHT MY CASE WITH NEW LAWYER.

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