



Court of Appeals of Georgia

March 12, 2015

TO: Mr. Joshua Hall, 2515 N.E. Expressway • Apartment D6, Atlanta, Georgia 30345

RE: **Appealing a Probation Revocation in the Court of Appeals of Georgia**

CHECK RETURN

- Your check number _____ in the amount of _____ written on the account of your firm for the filing fee in _____ is enclosed. Please be advised that this Court is returning your check since the filing fee was already paid by _____.

CASE STATUS - DISPOSED

- The referenced appeal was _____ on _____ . The remittitur issued on _____ , divesting this Court of any further jurisdiction of your case. The case is therefore, final.

CASE STATUS - PENDING

- The above referenced appeal is pending in your name before this Court. The appeal was docketed in the _____ Term and a decision must be rendered by the Court by the end of the _____ Term which ends on _____ .

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO APPEAL A PROBATION REVOCATION

- To appeal a probation revocation, you will need to file a Discretionary Application with this Court. Rule 31 of the Rules of the Court of Appeals of Georgia describes a Discretionary Application and the items you would need to include with your application.**

A Discretionary Application must be filed within 30 days of the stamped filed date on the order that you are appealing and the application must be accompanied by a proper Certificate of Service and a pauper's affidavit or the \$80.00 filing fee. You must also comply with all the other applicable rules of Court regarding filing with the Court of Appeals of Georgia.

Enclosed, please find a copy of the Rules of the Court of Appeals for your review.

- Also, Mr. William L. Martin, III has retired in 2010 as Clerk/Court Administrator of the Court of Appeals of Georgia. The new Clerk/Court Administrator is Stephen E. Castlen.**



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[MY Form of 90 Day APPEAL]

Dear Honorable clerk William L. Martin Please be Attentive, My Name is JOSHUA L. HALL An Inmate at Dekalb County Jail ~~616 Room number 616~~ Spn# ~~X0443539~~ My Date of birth is may 12th, 1984 SS# 098688745. I am 30 years old. I was taken into custody on January 2nd 2015 for a warrant that was issued for violation of my misdemeanor Probation following an arrest that happend on may 8th 2014, for possession of MARIJUANA but was charged with intent to distribute which is false. I Hired Chad Trentacosta to represent me for those charges. In Court on January 29th 2015 my attorney suggested accepting the DA's Plea but to appeal it with in 90 days. Since then I have not been in contact with Mr. Trentacosta feeling misinformed and led astray I am Filing on my own for an Appeal. Frustrated with the excessive Plea given I would like another chance to explain my case seeing that Mr. Trentacosta was a total waste of my money for not being clear and consise on what we discussed.

Attached is my letter I will be submitting to ^{the} Judge as well as other important addresses I come across with help from the law library

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Dear Honorable Clerk William L. Martin, I am writing this letter so you will have a better understanding of my situation. The first thing I would like to explain is the probation I accused of violating. I was placed on misdemeanor probation in 2012. The conditions of my probation were to complete 120 hours of community service, random drug and alcohol screens and to pay all fines and fees. All of these conditions I completed in full in the first 10 months beyond probation, and even doing more hours than asked for community service. As a bonus I secured a fulltime job and began to pursue my Associates degree in business at Strayer University. On March 24 I decided to get a haircut for my birthday and celebrate the fact I will soon complete my probation. Upon arrival to the barbershop one of the barbers asked me for a ride to motel 6 to retrieve his belongings because he was being put out for non payment. Feeling sorry for him and looking to help out I agreed to offer assistance. When we arrived, the emotional barber exchanged some words with the owner and DeKalb County police were called to the scene. One officer "Yorkborough" asked for my ID and asked if I would consent to a search of my car because a firearm was mentioned in the barber's altercation. I denied for I had nothing to do with the issue and asked if I could leave. The officer denied and told me to step out and wait for K-9. The K-9 hit ^{on my} car insuing a search. No firearm was found. However, a small amount of marijuana that I purchased ~~earlier~~ was found leading to my arrest. The amount found in ^{my} car ^{was} 5 separate baggies. evaluating 3 grams and 4 grams unbagged found in my shorts for about 7 grams total. I know what I purchased and how much I spent but somehow in court they say it was 11 grams. I do agree that I may have a problem using marijuana but the decision to charge me with felony intent to distribute is unacceptable in many ways. It is utterly ridiculous to serve 5 years for using marijuana.