

<p>COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA VS</p> <hr/> <p>(Name of Defendant)</p>	<p>COURT AND DOCKET NUMBERS</p> <p>To be filled in by Clerk of Court</p>
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**NOTE: List below those informations or indictments & offenses for which you have not completed your sentence.**  
**INFORMATION OR INDICTMENT NUMBERS:**

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**I WAS CONVICTED OF THE FOLLOWING CRIMES:**

1. MY NAME IS:

2. I AM NOW

(a)  On  On  Confined in  
Parole Probation

(d)  Residing at

3.

I WAS SENTENCED ON \_\_\_\_\_, 2\_\_\_\_\_ TO A TOTAL TERM  
OF \_\_\_\_\_, COMMENCING ON \_\_\_\_\_, 2\_\_\_\_\_ BY  
JUDGE(S)

FOLLOWING A:

Trial by jury  Plea of Guilty  
 Trial by a judge without a jury  Plea of nolo contendere

I am  Serving  Waiting to serve the sentence  
imposed

4. I AM ELIGIBLE FOR RELIEF BECAUSE OF:

(I) A violation of the Constitution of this Commonwealth or the constitution or laws of the United States which, in the circumstances of the particular case, so undermined the truth-determining process that no reliable adjudication of guilt or innocence could have taken place.

(II) Ineffective assistance of counsel which, in the circumstances of the particular case, so undermined the truth-determining process that no reliable adjudication of guilt or innocence could have taken place..

(III) A plea of guilty unlawfully induced where the circumstances make it likely that the inducement caused the petitioner to plead guilty and the petitioner is innocent.

(IV) The improper obstruction of government officials of the petitioner's right of appeal where a meritorious appealable issue existed and was properly preserved in the trial court

(V) The unavailability at the time of trial of exculpatory evidence that has subsequently become available and would have changed the outcome of the trial if it had been introduced

(VI) The imposition of a sentence greater than the lawful maximum.

(VII) A proceeding in a tribunal without jurisdiction.

5. I AM ELIGIBLE FOR RELIEF BECAUSE, ALTHOUGH THIS PCRA PETITION IS BEING FILED MORE THAN ONE YEAR AFTER THE DATE OF FINAL JUDGMENT, I HEREBY ALLEGE AND CAN PROVE THAT THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTION HAS BEEN MET:

(i) My failure to raise this claim previously was the result of interference by government officials with the presentation of the claim in violation of the Constitution or laws of this Commonwealth or the Constitution or laws of the United States.

I intend to prove my claim was late due to governmental interference by showing:

(ii) The facts upon which the claims is predicated were unknown to the petitioner and could not have been ascertained by the exercise of due diligence.

The following facts were previously unknown to me:

(iii) The right asserted is a constitutional right that was recognized by the Supreme Court of the United States or the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania after the time period provided in this section and has been held by that court to apply retroactively.

The Supreme Court of the United States or the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has recognized the following retroactive constitutional rights after my period for filing:

6. THE FACTS IN SUPPORT OF THE ALLEGED ERROR(S) UPON WHICH THIS MOTION IS BASED ARE AS FOLLOWS: (State facts clearly and fully; argument, citations, or discussions of authorities shall not be included.)

(A) I know the following facts to be true of my own personal knowledge:

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(B) The following facts were made known to me by means other than my own personal knowledge (Explain how and by whom you are informed):

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(C) In the event my appeal is allowed as requested under #4, the following are the matters which I intend to assert on that appeal (Specify the matters to be asserted if appeal is allowed)

## 7. SUPPORTING EXHIBITS

(A) In support of this motion I have attached as exhibits:

Affidavits [Exhibit(s) No. \_\_\_\_\_]

Records [Exhibit(s) No. \_\_\_\_\_]

Other Supporting Evidence [Exhibit(s) No. \_\_\_\_\_]

(B) I have not attached any affidavits, records or other supporting evidence because

## 8. I HAVE TAKEN THE FOLLOWING ACTION(S) TO SECURE RELIEF FROM MY CONVICTION(S) OR SENTENCE(S):

(A) Direct Appeal (IF "YES," name the court(s) which appeal(s) as/were taken, date, term and number, and result.)

YES  NO

(B) Previous proceedings in the courts of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
 YES  NO (IF "YES," name the type of proceedings (such as habeas corpus, etc.) – including former proceedings under the Post Conviction Hearing Act the Court(s) in which petition(s) was/were filed, date, term and number, and result.)

(C) Habeas Corpus or other previous in Federal Courts

YES  NO (IF "YES," name the district in which petition(s) was/were filed, date(s), Court Number- civil action or miscellaneous, and result, including all appeals.)

(D) Other legal proceedings

YES  (IF "YES," complete details-type of action, court in which filed, date, term and number, and result, including all appeals.)

9. FOLLOWING MY ARREST, I WAS REPRESENTED BY THE FOLLOWING LAWYER(S): (Give the lawyer's name and the proceeding at which he/she represented you.)

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10. I PREVIOUSLY CHALLENGED MY CONVICTION IN THE FOLLOWING COURTS:

Court	Caption	Term Number	Attorney	Relief Requested
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11. THE ISSUES WHICH I HAVE RAISED IN THIS MOTION HAVE NOT BEEN PREVIOUSLY LITIGATED OR ONE OF THE FOLLOWING APPLIES:

- (I) The allegation of error has not been waived.
- (II) If the allegation of error has been waived, the alleged error has resulted in the conviction or affirmation of sentence of an innocent individual.

The failure to litigate this issue(s) prior to or during trial or on direct appeal could not have been the result of any rational, strategic, or tactical decision by counsel.

12. BECAUSE OF THE FOREGOING REASONS, THE RELIEF WHICH I DESIRE IS:

- (A)  Release from custody and discharge
- (B)  A new trial
- (C)  Correction of Sentence
- (D)  Other Relief (Specify):

13. I request an evidentiary hearing. I certify, subject to the penalties for unsworn falsification to authorities set forth at 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904, that the following persons will testify to the matters stated. I have attached to this petition all documents material to the witness' testimony.

Witness Name:

Witness Address:

Witness Date of Birth:

Witness Testimony:

Witness Name:

Witness Address:

Witness Date of Birth:

Witness Testimony:

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Witness Testimony:

14. Based upon the exceptional circumstances set forth below, I request that the District Attorney produce the following documents:

15. I ask that the Court consider the following argument, citation and discussion of authorities.

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16.

(A) I am  ABLE  NOT ABLE to pay the cost of this proceeding.

I have \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in my prison account.

(B) My other financial resources are:

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16. (A)  I do not have a lawyer and I am without financial resources or otherwise unable to obtain a lawyer.

(1)  I request the court to appoint a lawyer to represent me.

(2)  I do not want a lawyer to represent me.

(B)  I am represented by a lawyer. (Give name and address of your lawyer.)

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(Signature of Defendant)

## UNSWORN DECLARATION

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby certify that  
the facts set forth in the above motion are true and correct  
To the best of my personal knowledge or information and  
belief, and that any false statements herein are made sub-  
ject to the penalties of Section 4904 of the Crimes Code  
(18 Pa. C.S. § 4904), relating to unsworn falsification to  
Authorities.

No Notary

Required

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Defendant)

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
VS

IN THE CRIMINAL COURTS OF THE COUNTY  
OF

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Defendant)

Criminal  
Action No. \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_

**ORDER**

AND NOW this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Upon consideration of the foregoing motion:

1.  The motion is returned to defendant for amendment as follows, such amendment to be made on \_\_\_\_\_ for before \_\_\_\_\_, 2 \_\_\_\_\_
2.  A rule is granted upon the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to show cause why a hearing should not be granted. The rule is returnable on or before \_\_\_\_\_, 2 \_\_\_\_\_
3.  The request to proceed as a poor person, without the payment of costs, is  granted  denied.
4.  Upon finding that defendant is unable to obtain a lawyer \_\_\_\_\_ Esq., is appointed to represent him/her.
5.  The Clerk of Court is ordered and directed to do the following forthwith:
  - (a) To serve a copy of his motion and this order upon the District Attorney of \_\_\_\_\_ County.
  - (b) To send a copy of this motion and this order to \_\_\_\_\_ Esq., the lawyer for the defendant.
  - (c) To send a copy of this order to the defendant.
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