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RE: Motion/Intent to Request for Deadline Extension, Appeal No. 2020AP001888 CRNM

To the Clerk of the State Supreme Court,

My name is Michael Torres, an inmate currently serving a period of confinement at Oshkosh Correctional Institution (OSCI) in the state of Wisconsin. I am writing to you in regards to my appeal of Circuit Court Case No. 2017CF000020, specifically in the fact that I am seeking an extension of my appeal deadline.

Due to recent circumstances, my ability to properly access the institution's law library network has been greatly reduced. The impact of COVID-19 has forced the institution to mandate strict changes in the number of people gathering in one location, to the effect that I am routinely unable to access the law library system to perform the necessary and pertinent research needed to uphold my reasoning for my appeal. As such, I am humbly requesting the Court grant an extension of 90 days so that I am able to conduct the proper research and properly file relevant information to my appeal.

Beginning September 21, 2020, OSCI was on an institution-wide lockdown, prohibiting inmate movement due to positive cases of COVID-19 in the institution. The lockdown rescinded on January 10, 2021, and inmate access to the law library was not made available until late February of 2021. This, coupled with additional details found relevant to my proceedings in regards to 2017CF000020, has necessitated a need for an extension.

Included with this letter is a motion requesting a deadline extension. I humbly ask that it be given to the proper judge for consideration as I do not have that information readily available.

I would like to thank you for taking the time to read this letter and to pass on the motion to its proper Honor, please. I appreciate your efforts in regards to this matter.

Sincerely,

Michael Torres



STATE OF WISCONSIN

SUPREME COURT

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Plaintiff,

vs.

CASE NO. 2020AP001888 CRNM

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Defendant.

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MOTION FOR APPEAL DEADLINE EXTENSION

NOW COMES the above-named defendant, Michael Torres, and its request to this Court to hereby grant an extension on Appeals Case 2020AP0001888 CRNM, which is in direct relation to Circuit Court Case No. 2017CF000020. The defendant alleges and otherwise shows to the Court as follows:

1. The defendant, Michael Torres, is a state prison inmate housed at Oshkosh Correctional Institution (OSCI), inmate number 681315.
2. Following a plea agreement, the defendant was subsequently found guilty of the crimes pertaining to Circuit Court Case No. 2017CF000020, and has since filed an appeal with the Court of Appeals.
3. As part of the appeal process, the defendant has maintained his innocence in regards to 2017CF000020, and was given misleading and otherwise false information on behalf of his appointed defense council at the time which forms the basis of the defendant's appeal.
4. On or about September 21, 2020, while housed at OSCI, the institution underwent a mandatory shutdown and quarantine due to an outbreak of SARS_CV_2, known as 'coronavirus' and henceforth named 'COVID-19'.
5. On or about January 10, 2021, OSCI rescinded its quarantine, allowing only limited movements of inmates. This pertains to inmate workers and essential departments.
6. On or about February 22, 2021, OSCI allowed general population inmates to register on their housing unit for law library access. Access to the institution law library is for one (1) one-hour period to allow for social distancing and equal opportunity.

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7. Due to institution quarantine, changes in operational policy, and schedules being subject to change, the defendant has been deftly limited in accessing the law library, which in effect, impacts the defendant's ability to access the court system pursuant to Amendment 14.

8. In addition, the defendant has also determined the potential for relevant discovery pertaining to the misinformation provided by the defendant's defense council.

WHEREFORE, the defendant is respectfully and humbly asking the Court to grant an extension of ninety (90) days to allow for proper access to the law library for pertinent research regarding the precedents set forth in similar cases, the request and inclusion of document-based discovery in regards to the defendant's appeal, and to properly pursue the appeal process to its fullest intent.

Dated at Oshkosh, Wisconsin this 15th day of April, 2021.

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Defendant

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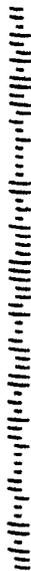
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