

>>> NEXT CASE ON OUR DOCKET
OF THE DAY IS MCKENZIE V. THE
STATE OF FLORIDA.

>> MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT.
JAMES DRISCOLL, ALONG WITH
DAVID HENDRY, ON BEHALF OF
NORMAN MCKENZIE FROM CCRC
MIDDLE, AND THERE ARE A LOT
OF ISSUES IN THIS CASE, BUT
IT REALLY COMES DOWN TO
WHETHER THIS COURT IS GOING
TO ALLOW THE STATE OF FLORIDA
TO CARRY OUT A SENTENCE OF
DEATH WHEN THERE'S ALL THIS
MITIGATION IN THIS CASE THAT
HAS NEVER BEEN CONSIDERED BY
ANY COURT OR ANY SENTENCER.
AND THAT SHOULDN'T HAVE
HAPPENED, AND WE ASK THAT
MR. †MCKENZIE BE GRANTED
RELIEVE.

>> I'M STRUGGLING TO FIND AN
ISSUE HERE THAT IS NOT A
DIRECT APPEAL ISSUE AND THAT
-- I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND
WHAT -- WHAT THESE ISSUES --
HOW THEY CAN BE RAISED AT
THIS STAGE OF THESE
PROCEEDINGS?

>> YOUR HONOR, I'M SURE THE
STATE WOULD TAKE A DIFFERENT
POSITION, ALL OF THE ISSUES
ARE NOT PROCEDURALLY FAIR.
WE OFFERED ABOUT SEVEN WAYS
WHICH MR. †MCKENZIE SHOULD
HAVE BEEN ABLE TO HAVE AN
EVIDENTIARY HEARING AND
PRESENT THE MITIGATION, SO
FOR ANY CLAIM WE COULD †--
>> †WE DON'T -- HE WAS THE
CAPTAIN OF THE SHIP.
HE CHOSE WHAT HE WAS GOING TO
DO.

HE WAS DETERMINED TO BE
COMPETENT TO DO THAT.
HE MADE HIS CHOICES.
THAT'S WHAT HE'S GOT.
YOU KNOW, HE CAN'T BRING --
CAN HE BRING A CLAIM OF
INEFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE OF

COUNSEL AGAINST HIMSELF?

>> HE HAS NOT.

>> WELL, SEEMS LIKE IN A WAY, YOU'RE NOT CALLING IT THAT. IT SEEMS, IN EFFECT, THAT'S WHAT THIS IS.

>> MR. †MCKENZIE --

MR. †MCKENZIE WAS PREJUDICE BY INEFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE OF COUNSEL BEFORE HE WAIVED HIS RIGHT TO COUNSEL.

AND THAT HAPPENED WHEN MR. †MCKENZIE WAS IN JAIL THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND NOBODY BOTHERED TO COME SEE THIS MAN WITH MENTAL ILLNESS, DELUSIONS, COCAINE DEPENDENCE, ALL SORTS OF TRAUMA IN HIS BACKGROUND. THESE ARE THE TYPE OF FOLKS THAT CAPITAL DEFENSE ATTORNEYS DEAL WITH EVERY DAY, AND TO NOT SEE HIM FOR MONTHS OR AFTER ARRAIGNMENT OR GO TRAVEL TO SEE HIM, AND THEN GO AND WAIVE SPEEDY TRIAL, WHICH MEANT A LOT TO MR. †MCKENZIE, AND VIOLATE HIS TRUST AND -- THERE WAS NO ATTORNEY-CLIENT RELATIONSHIP THAT FORMED.

THAT LED MR. †MCKENZIE TO MAKE AN IMPULSIVE, IRRATIONAL DECISIONS, AND HE WAS PREJUDICED BY COUNSEL NOT DOING A BASIC ACT OF MEETING WITH MR. †MCKENZIE RIGHT AWAY. RIGHT WHEN THE CASE BECAME KNOWN.

>> SO ARE YOU ARGUING THAT THE TRIAL COURT INAPPROPRIATELY ALLOWED HIM TO REPRESENT HIMSELF?

IT SEEMS TO ME, THE TRIAL JUDGE WENT THROUGH THE COLLOQUY NECESSARY AND FOUND HE COULD REPRESENT HIMSELF?

>> TECHNICALLY, THE TECHNICAL APPLICATION OF THE INQUIRE WAS UPHELD BY THIS COURT.

IT IS WHAT LED UP TO
MR. MCKENZIE IRRATIONALLY
WAIVING RIGHT TO COUNSEL.
IT HAPPENED BEFORE,
THAT IS AN INEFFECTIVE
ASSISTANCE OF COUNSEL CLAIM,
WHICH REQUIRES TESTIMONY OR
EVIDENCE OUTSIDE OF THE
RECORD, AND WE WERE NOT GIVEN
AN EVIDENTIARY HEARING TO PUT
THAT ON.

>> IS THERE CASE LAW THAT
ADDRESSES THIS POINT, THAT
ESTABLISHES THAT A DEFENDANT
BECOMES ANGRY WITH THE LAWYER
ASSIGNED TO VISIT ON SUNDAY
OR DOESN'T COME ON THE DAY
THAT THE PRISONER DESIRES?
THAT THAT IS A BASIS FOR
INEFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE WHEN
-- BECAUSE HE GETS ANGRY AND
THEN DISCHARGES COUNSEL AND
PROCEEDS TO REPRESENT
HIMSELF?

>> YOUR HONOR, I CAN'T POINT
TO A CASE WHERE COUNSEL
DIDN'T COME ON A SPECIFIC
DAY.

THIS IS ABOUT COUNSEL NOT
COMING AT ALL AND LEAVING A
PARANOID, DELUSIONAL MAN TO
THINK ON HIS OWN TO -- ONLY
TO ARRIVE IN COURT AND FIND
OUT HIS RIGHT TO SPEEDY TRIAL
HAD BEEN WAIVED WITHOUT EVER
CONTACTING OR EVER
SPEAKING--

>>†IF YOU COULD GO BACK TO MY
INITIAL QUESTION IT WOULD
HELP ME TREMENDOUSLY.

I SEE WE HAVE A REAL PROBLEM
IN FORMULATING PRINCIPLES OF
LAW.

IT SEEMS THIS IS BECOMING A
REAL TREND FOR PRISONERS TO
DISCHARGE COUNSEL AND THEN GO
ON THEIR WAY, EVEN AFTER
BEING CAUTIONED BY TRIAL
JUDGES, TIME AND TIME AGAIN,
AND THEN AFTER THAT'S ALL

OVER, THEN WE SPEND WEEKS AND MONTHS LITIGATING ON ISSUES THAT ARE ESSENTIALLY, AS JUSTICE CANADY SAID, THAT WOULD BE TRADITIONAL INEFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE CLAIMS.

I'M AT A LOSS.

WE'RE GOING TO THROW THE SYSTEM INTO ABSOLUTE TURMOIL IS WHAT MY CONCERN IS.

THAT'S WHY I'M LOOKING FOR HELP OR GUIDANCE ON CASES.

>> YOUR HONOR, I THINK THERE -- I THINK YOU'RE POINTING TO AN OVERALL ISSUE, AND IT COMES DOWN TO SOMEBODY LIKE WITH A POSSESSION OF COCAINE OR THIRD-DEGREE FELONY.

THIS IS A DEATH CASE.

>> I REALIZE THAT.

YOU THINK I DON'T KNOW THAT?

>> I'M CALLED ON TO DO EXTRA ANALYSIS AND DETERMINE WHETHER PROPORTIONALITY AS PART OF FLORIDA'S CONSTITUTIONAL†--

>>†FINE, I'M ASKING YOU ABOUT THE INEFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE CLAIMS THAT ARE BEING MADE HERE.

>> THERE'S ONE.

AND THAT WAS IT.

AND THAT LED TO

MR.†MCKENZIE'S WAIVER, AND THAT WAIVER SHOULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED.

>> NOW, DID THE TRIAL COURT FOLLOW THE APPROPRIATE PROCEDURES WHEN A DEFENDANT DOESN'T WANT TO PUT ON MITIGATION?

>> YES, THAT WAS UPHELD ON DIRECT APPEAL.

>> SO THE TRIAL COURT DID, AS REQUIRED, UNDER THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES, UNDER THE APPROPRIATE PSI?

>> PSI WAS NOT APPROPRIATE.

>> NOW WE'RE GOING TO GET

INTO LITIGATING WHETHER WE
LIKE THE PSI'S OR NOT?

>> YOUR HONOR, THE PSI WAS
INADEQUATE, AND THE COURT
SAID IT WAS DOING --
PURSUANT, THIS WASN'T A CASE
MR. †MCKENZIE WAS WAIVING
MITIGATION.

THIS IS A CASE WHERE
MR. †MCKENZIE, AFTER THE TRUST
WAS VIOLATED, ATTEMPTED TO
PUT IT ON HIMSELF, AND WHAT
IT COMES DOWN TO IS, IT'S NOT
AS IF DEATH IS CONSTITUTIONAL
IN EVERY CASE.

IT COMES DOWN TO WHETHER
MR. †MCKENZIE'S CASE IS ONE OF
THE MOST AGGRAVATED AND LEAST
MITIGATED, AND THERE IS
SUBSTANTIAL MITIGATION THAT
WASN'T CONSIDERED BY ANYBODY,
AND THAT WAS PART 2 OF THE
BRIEF AND IT GOES INTO GREAT
DETAIL.

THERE REALLY COMES A POINT
WHEN SOMEBODY HAS SUFFICIENT
MITIGATION THAT DEATH IS
UNCONSTITUTIONAL, AND WE
WOULD -- AT LEAST SHOULD HAVE
BEEN ALLOWED TO SHOW THAT,
THAT DEATH IS NOT PERMISSIBLE
IN THIS CASE BECAUSE OF
MR. †MCKENZIE'S GREAT
MITIGATION.

>> I'D LIKE TO GO BACK TO
JUSTICE CANADY'S FIRST
QUESTION.

I'M LOOKING AT THE DIRECT
APPEAL, AND IT SPECIFICALLY
DEALT WITH THE ISSUE THAT IS
-- WHICH IS THE NELSON
INQUIRY, INCOMPETENCY TO THE
POINT OF COUNSEL IS THE
REASON FOR DISCHARGING
COUNSEL THAT THE TRIAL COURT
HAS TO MAKE A SUFFICIENT
INQUIRY OF THE DEFENDANT AND
THEN ALSO, IF THE TRIAL COURT
FINDS REASONABLE CAUSE THAT
THERE IS -- THAT THE

COUNSEL'S NOT RENDERING EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE OF COUNSEL, THEN THE TRIAL JUDGE SHOULD APPOINT SUBSTITUTE COUNSEL.

SO THE COURTS, OVER THE YEARS, HAVE REFINED THE PROCESS, AND WE FOUND ON DIRECT APPEAL IT WAS FOLLOWED.

I WOULD ECHO WHAT JUSTICE CANADY SAYS, THAT WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS YOU WANT A SECOND OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW THAT IT WAS INEFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE OF COUNSEL THAT LED TO MR. MCKENZIE'S MOVE TO REPRESENT HIMSELF, AND I DON'T SEE HOW THAT IS ALLOWED WHEN WE HAVE A SPECIFIC PROCEDURE THAT WAS RAISED ON DIRECT APPEAL AND IT WAS FOUND ADVERSELY TO YOUR CLIENT?

DO YOU ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THAT HOLDING, THAT IS THAT NELSON PROVIDES FOR WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT, WHEN A DEFENDANT HAS GENUINE CONCERNS ABOUT THE REPRESENTATION?

TRIAL COURT HAS A DUTY TO INQUIRE, THAT'S THE FIRST STEP.

FARETTA ISN'T THE FIRST STEP WHERE THERE'S A COMPLAINT, AND THAT WAS FOLLOWED HERE, AND THE COURT UPHELD IT. SO YOU'RE REALLY SAYING YOU WANT ANOTHER CHANCE TO UNDO THIS TRIAL BY NOW HAVING AN EVIDENTIARY HEARING, AND I THINK WE WOULD HAVE TO CHANGE THE LAW OF NELSON IN ORDER TO ACCEPT YOUR POSITION.

>> WELL, NELSON -- NELSON TAKES -- IT CONSIDERS WHAT THE PARTIES SAY IN THEIR COMPLAINTS, AND BASICALLY MR. MCKENZIE -- MR. MCKENZIE,

BY THE TIME HE WENT TO
FARETTA, IT WASN'T THERE.
BUT†--

>>†WASN'T WHERE?

>> HE WAS TRYING TO REPRESENT
HIMSELF BY THAT TIME.

THERE WAS A NELSON HEARING,
AND THE COURT FOUND THAT THEY
WERE NOT INCOMPETENT AT THE
TIME, ENOUGH TO REMOVE THEM
AT THAT POINT.

BUT SIMPLY BECAUSE SOMEBODY,
A DEFENDANT, LOSES A NELSON
HEARING DOESN'T MEAN THERE
CAN'T BE INEFFECTIVE
ASSISTANCE OF COUNSEL CLAIMS.

>> WHERE IS THE CASE LAW FROM
THIS COURT THAT ESTABLISHES
THAT WHEN WE'VE GOT THIS
PROCEDURE FOR NELSON AND THAT
THE DEFENDANT ELECTS TO
REPRESENT HIMSELF, NOT SAY,
WELL, LISTEN, THIS IS THE
BEST I HAVE, I'M GOING TO
HAVE THIS LAWYER AND THEN
I'LL COMPLAIN, THAT THERE IS
A CHANCE TO RAISE THIS AGAIN
ON POST-CONVICTION.

WHAT CASE DO WE HAVE?

>> YOUR HONOR, I DON'T
BELIEVE ANYTHING LIKE THIS
HAS HAPPENED VERY MUCH.

>> IT HAPPENS -- DOESN'T
HAPPEN ALL THE TIME, BUT WE
CERTAINLY HAVE -- WE HAD ONE
YESTERDAY WHERE A DEFENDANT
ELECTED TO REPRESENT HIMSELF
AFTER BEING REPEATEDLY
CAUTIONED.

I DON'T SEE HOW WE CAN ALLOW
A DEFENDANT TO MAKE THAT
DECISION AND THEN COME BACK
AFTERWARDS AND TRY AGAINST --
GET A NEW TRIAL.

IN MY VIEW, EVERY DEFENDANT
WOULD DO THIS AND WE'D HAVE
SOMEWHAT OF A CHAOTIC SYSTEM.
I DON'T SEE THAT THE LAW
REQUIRES IT FOR JUSTICE TO BE
DONE.

IS THERE ANY OTHER STATE THAT
ALLOWS WHAT YOU'RE TALKING
ABOUT?

THE UNITED STATES SUPREME
COURT ALLOW THIS TO BE THE
PROCEDURE?

>> YOUR HONOR, ONE OF THE
POINTS WE MADE IS HE HAD
COUNSEL AND HE WAS ENTITLED
TO COUNSEL.

WHILE HE HAD COUNSEL, THEY
WERE INEFFECTIVE, WHICH LED
TO THE WAIVER.

>> THAT'S WHAT NELSON'S
ABOUT.

THAT'S WHY THE JUDGE INQUIRED
AND MADE A FINDING ON THE
RECORD AND WHAT THE
COMPLAINTS ARE, AND IF
THERE'S A REASONABLE BASIS.
BUT TOO OFTEN, A DEFENDANT
HAS MAYBE REALISTIC BUT
UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS OF
WHAT THE DEFENSE COUNSEL
SHOULD BE DOING, AND YOU
KNOW, THAT'S WHAT MAY HAVE
OCCURRED IN THIS CASE.

>> THAT ALSO -- WHEN THE
COURT MADE THE NELSON
DECISION, THAT WAS WITHOUT
KNOWING THE INFORMATION THAT
WE HAVE, OUTSIDE OF THE
RECORD, WHICH WE SINCE
DEVELOPED THROUGH
DR. †CUNNINGHAM.

THE COURT MADE A NELSON
INQUIRY IN A VACUUM AND DID
NOT KNOW THE SPECIAL NEEDS OR
SPECIAL CHALLENGES THAT
MR. †MCKENZIE WOULD PRESENT TO
ANY -- ANY CAPITAL DEFENSE
ATTORNEY, BUT THAT'S WHAT WE
CALL UPON IN THIS STATE FOR
CAPITAL DEFENSE ATTORNEYS TO
DO, AND TO NOT SEE HIM WHEN
HE'S DELUSIONAL, WHEN HE HAS
TRUST ISSUES, WHEN HE SUFFERS
ALL SORTS OF TRAUMAS.

>> ARE YOU SAYING HE WAS NOT
COMPETENT TO REPRESENT

HIMSELF?

>> HE WASN'T COMPETENT TO REPRESENT HIMSELF.

>> AGAIN, NOW YOU WANT TO RAISE THAT ISSUE ON POST-CONVICTION?

>> HE DOESN'T HAVE TO BE COMPETENT -- HE HAS TO PASS FARETTA TO REPRESENT HIMSELF. HE WAS NOT CAPABLE OF REPRESENTING HIMSELF, IF YOU MEAN COMPETENCE IN A GENERAL SENSE.

AND I BELIEVE†--

>>†DO YOU MEAN COMPETENT MENTALLY OR COMPETENT TO KNOW THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF CONDUCTING A TRIAL?

>> I WOULD SAY HE WOULD HAVE PASSED COMPETENCY TO STAND TRIAL.

COMPETENCY TO REPRESENT HIMSELF.

IT'S NOT THAT DIFFICULT OF A STANDARD.

HE CAN ANSWER THE QUESTIONS RIGHT, AND THEN COMPETENCY TO ACTUALLY TO DO IT FAIRLY AND DECENTLY.

IT WOULDN'T HAPPEN.

>> WE WOULD HAVE TO DO AWAY WITH PEOPLE HAVING THE ABILITY TO REPRESENT THEMSELVES ON MURDER CASES, THEN?

>> WE COULD DO THAT.

>> WE HAVE TWO TRIALS EVERY TIME.

ONE I REPRESENT MYSELF, I LOSE, AND THEN I†--

>>†INDIANA V. EDWARDS MAYBE CHANGED THE LANDSCAPE HERE. I DON'T THINK WE CAN ENTIRELY SAY IN A CAPITAL CASE THAT THE DEFENDANT'S NEVER GOING TO HAVE THE RIGHT TO REPRESENT HIMSELF.

WE COULDN'T SAY THAT, COULD WE?

>> YOUR HONOR, YOU COULD SAY

THERE NEEDED TO BE AT LEAST AN EVALUATION SO WE KNOW WHO THIS PERSON IS BEFORE WE LET THEM LOSE TO THE JURY. YOU COULD SAY A LOT OF THINGS, AND SAY THIS LEVEL OF MITIGATION THAT WE REALLY NEED TO CONSIDER THAT BEFORE WE ALLOW THE STATE TO EXECUTE SOMEBODY.

>> WE HAVE THAT IN A NUMBER OF CASES, EVEN WHEN WE HAVE WONDERFUL COUNSEL, WE DON'T HAVE A FULL RECORD OF IT, BUT COUNSEL WANTS TO PUT ON MITIGATION, AND DEFENDANT PROHIBITS COUNSEL FROM USING CERTAIN THINGS, AND THEN LATER ON, A NEW LAWYER PICKS IT UP AND ALL OF A SUDDEN, THE DEFENDANT WANTS TO HAVE A NEW TRIAL ON ALL THAT MITIGATION THAT COULD HAVE BEEN PRESENTED AND DOES OUR LAW ALLOW THAT?

>> NOT NECESSARILY. IT DEPENDS WHETHER COUNSEL WAS PROPERLY ADVISING THE CLIENT, ENGAGING WITH THE CLIENT.

>> SO THE BASIC ANSWER IS, NO, WE DON'T ALLOW THAT BECAUSE IT'S BEEN PRECLUDED BY THE DEFENDANT'S ACTIONS. AND THAT'S REALLY WHERE THIS COMES BACK TO.

>> WE'RE NOT IN AN INSTANCE WHERE MR. MCKENZIE DIDN'T -- MR. MCKENZIE, WHAT HE TRIED TO PRESENT, WHICH YOU CAN SEE IN THE SHADOWS OF HIS PRESENTATION, WHAT YOU COULD SEE IS HE WANTED TO PRESENT HIS TRAUMATIC BACKGROUND, COCAINE DEPENDENCE, ALL OF THAT.

IT WASN'T ANYTHING OUT OF THE ORDINARY. COUNSEL JUST HAD TO HAVE NOT VIOLATED HIS TRUST.

>> DID THE TRIAL COURT
PRECLUDE THIS DEFENDANT FROM
PUTTING ANY EVIDENCE ON THAT
THE DEFENDANT WANTED TO PUT
ON PROPERLY?

>> IT WASN'T -- IT WASN'T AS
IF, IN SOME WAYS MR. MCKENZIE
BY RULES OF EVIDENCE WAS
PRECLUDED.

>> YOU ARE GOING TO SAY THE
RULES OF EVIDENCE DON'T
APPLY.

>> YOU'RE ALSO LOOKING AT A
CASE, TOO, WHERE THAT COURT
SHOULD HAVE SEEN THE
VIDEOTAPES, WHICH I
SUPPLEMENTED THE RECORD WITH,
THAT SHOW MR. MCKENZIE IN
THAT STATE AND UNDER
MOHAMMED, EXERCISE THE
DISCRETION TO HAVE
MR. MCKENZIE EVALUATED.
THAT DIDN'T EVEN HAPPEN IN
THIS CASE.

THE FACT THAT THE COUNSEL
ISSUE IS ONE THING, BUT
THERE'S ALSO INSTANCES WHERE
THE STATE WENT AND SPOKE WITH
MR. MCKENZIE AND TOLD HIM
THAT HE COULDN'T PUT ON
EVIDENCE ABOUT HIS -- WHAT HE
SAID IN HIS FIRST CONFESSION.
THERE'S ALL SORTS OF OTHER
REASONS WHY HIS MITIGATION
SHOULD HAVE BEEN HEARD.

>> ARE YOU SAYING THAT ONCE A
DEFENDANT UNDERTAKES
SELF-REPRESENTATION, THAT THE
PROSECUTOR IN THE CASE CANNOT
TALK WITH THE PERSON WHO'S
REPRESENTING THEMSELVES?

>> THEY CAN.

I COULDN'T FIND A RULE WHERE
THEY COULDN'T.

>> THAT'S THE PROBLEM.

>> THE PRACTICE IS IT
SHOULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED.
IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN WITH A
COURT REPORTER SO WE WOULDN'T
HAVE THE --

>>†IS THERE A CASE THAT SAYS THAT?
>> NO, YOUR HONOR.
I COULDN'T FIND ONE.
>> YOU ARE CARVING NEW GROUND, IS WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO DO.
LAWYERS, THAT'S WHAT WE GET PAID TO DO.
I UNDERSTAND THAT.
>> YOUR HONOR, I UNDERSTAND SOME OF THIS IS DIFFERENT AND SO FORTH.
WHAT I'M REALLY TRYING TO DO IS HAVE AT LEAST SOMEBODY CONSIDER A MENTALLY ILL, DELUSIONAL MAN'S MITIGATION AND LET IT BE CONSIDERED. THAT COULD HAVE HAPPENED THROUGH EVALUATION AT TRIAL. IT COULD HAVE BEEN JUST A LITTLE BIT MORE THAT WOULD HAVE OPENED UP THE GATE TO ALL OF THIS VERY, VERY COMPELLING MITIGATION. SO I RAISED IT EVERY WHICH WAY I COULD.
I'LL BE STRAIGHT WITH YOU†--
>>†I UNDERSTAND, AND YOU NEED TO BE.
>> BUT THE BOTTOM LINE IS, YOUR HONOR, THIS MAN HAS DEEP MITIGATION AND IT WAS NEVER HEARD.
AND WE CAN'T HAVE A SYSTEM IN THIS STATE WHERE THERE'S THAT MITIGATION OUT THERE AND IT'S NEVER CONSIDERED.
THAT'S UNFAIR AND IT'S UNCONSTITUTIONAL†--
>>†AND I DON'T DISAGREE ABOUT SOME OF THE DIRECT APPEAL ISSUE ABOUT THE WAIVER, BUT WHAT YOU'RE ASKING US TO DO IS TO OVERTURN ALL OF OUR PRECEDENT THAT ALLOWS THIS, AND I DON'T SEE HOW WE DO THAT ON A POST-CONVICTION MOTION.
SO, AGAIN, WAY INTO YOUR

REBUTTAL.

THAT'S THE CONCERN IS WHAT
WAS RAISED AT THE BEGINNING,
WHICH IS†--

>>†YOUR HONOR, WE'RE ASKING
THIS COURT -- THERE'S ALL
SORTS OF DIFFERENT REMEDIES
WE HAVE.

ONE WOULD BE JUST TO HAVE
SOMEBODY CONSIDER THIS MAN'S
MITIGATION BEFORE HE SUFFERS
THE ULTIMATE PENALTY BECAUSE
IT IS DEEP, AND IT IS
PROFOUND, AND IF WE DON'T
CONSIDER THAT, THERE'S
SOMETHING WRONG WITH THE
SYSTEM.

AND IT BROKE DOWN AND IT WAS
-- MR.†MCKENZIE HAD HIS PART
IN IT.

THIS IS A DELUSIONAL,
MENTALLY ILL MAN WHO
SHOULDN'T BE MAKING THOSE
DECISIONS.

>> LET ME ASK YOU THIS†--
HE CONDUCTED THE TOTAL GUILT
PHASE OF THE TRIAL HIMSELF?

>> YES, YOUR HONOR.

>> THERE WERE RED FLAGS TO
ALERT THE JUDGE THAT THIS MAN
IS NO LONGER COMPETENT?

>> HE DID NOT ASK ANY
QUESTIONS.

>> HE LAID OUT WHAT HAPPENED,
DIDN'T HE?

>> YES, THAT COULD BE
CONSISTENT WITH A MAN, A MAN
WHO IS REMORSEFUL, IN FACT,
FOR WHAT HE JUST DIDN'T
UNDERSTAND.

HEY, MAYBE WE SHOULD JUST
HAVE A PENALTY PHASE OR
DIFFERENT THINGS LIKE THAT.

>> MAYBE COUNSEL, YOU SHOULD
HAVE A†--

>>†IT'S TRUE.

BEING A FOOL CAN ALSO MEAN
BEING GREATLY MENTALLY ILL
AND NOT BEING ABLE TO MAKE
WISE DECISIONS THAT ARE FREE

FROM IMPULSIVITY.

MR. MCKENZIE, HE DIDN'T ANSWER IT IN A VACUUM, AND THE DEFENSE COUNSEL COULD HAVE WORKED WITH HIM, THEY NEEDED TO SEE HIM INITIALLY AND SAY, MR. MCKENZIE, WE'RE THE DEFENSE ATTORNEYS, NICE TO MEET YOU.

WE NEED MORE TIME, WE NEED TO WAIVE SPEEDY TRIAL AND WE'RE GOING TO WORK WITH AND YOU PRESENT MITIGATION AND TAKE YOUR INPUT AND PRESENT IT IN A WAY YOU'RE COMFORTABLE WITH.

THAT'S WHAT CAPITAL DEFENSE ATTORNEYS DO.

I SEE THAT MY TIME IS UP.

>> I'LL GIVE YOU ANOTHER TIME.

ONE MINUTE FOR REBUTTAL.

>> THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

>>> MY NAME IS MITCH BISHOP, ON BEHALF OF THE APPELLEE IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

THERE IS AN ARGUMENT THAT MCKENZIE HAD THAT WASN'T PRESENTED AND THAT MAKES HIS SENTENCE UNCONSTITUTIONAL IS CLASHING WITH MR. MCKENZIE'S RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND EXERCISE HIS OWN FREE WILL.

HE PRESENTED SOME MITIGATION ABOUT HIS DRUG ABUSE AND THAT WAS ALL HE PRESENTED.

IF HE DIDN'T DO A GOOD JOB OF THAT BECAUSE HE'S NOT A SKILLED LAWYER, THEN THAT'S THE BURDEN HE TOOK ON WHEN HE ELECTED TO WAIVE HIS RIGHT TO COUNSEL.

>> BUT IF WE HAVE -- IF YOU TAKE ISSUE WITH THE ASSERTION THAT THIS IS A SEVERELY MENTALLY ILL INDIVIDUAL?

>> I DO, JUSTICE PARIENTE. THERE IS A RECURRING THEME THROUGHOUT THE APPELLANT'S

ARGUMENT AND PLEADINGS THAT MR. †MCKENZIE HAS THIS GENERICALLY DESCRIBED MENTAL ILLNESS.

I WOULD POINT OUT THAT EVEN IN DR. †CUNNINGHAM'S PROFFER, OR WHAT'S IN THE BRIEF AND CLAIMED TO VARIOUS MITIGATION, DR. †CUNNINGHAM TALKS ABOUT THE PSYCHOTROPIC EFFECTS OF MR. †MCKENZIE'S COCAINE USE AND SOME OF THE DELUSIONAL EFFECTS OF THAT. BUT TO ARGUE HE WAS MENTALLY ILL OR AS THEY ARGUE IN THE THROES OF MENTAL DELUSION IS NOT ACCURATE INTO TAKING INTO CONTEXT WHAT DR. †CUNNINGHAM SAYS.

HE DOESN'T PINPOINT IT TO A PARTICULAR MENTAL ILLNESS. DR. †CUNNINGHAM, WHAT THEY PROFFERED IN THE INITIAL BRIEF, DOESN'T COME CLOSE TO SAYING HE SUFFERS FROM THIS MENTAL ILLNESS OR THIS MENTAL ILLNESS UNDER WHAT WOULD THEN BE THE DSM IV, THE OPERATIVE TEXT AT THAT POINT IN TIME. HE TALKS ABOUT THE EFFECTS THAT THE DRUG ABUSE HAD ON HIS JUDGMENT AND REASONING ABILITIES, THAT'S ESSENTIALLY IT.

WITH REGARD TO THE REST OF THE MITIGATION THAT THEY ARE PROFFERING, DR. †CUNNINGHAM OUTLINES IT IN, I THINK, 26 DIFFERENT FORMS OF MITIGATION, THAT CAN REALLY ALL BE CONDENSED DOWN TO SOMETHING ABOUT DRUG ABUSE, A LITTLE SOMETHING ABOUT CHILD ABUSE, AND MAYBE SOME MORE OF HIS FAMILY BACKGROUND.

>> DOES DR. †CUNNINGHAM FIND ANYTHING CONCERNING MR. †MCKENZIE'S ABILITY TO REPRESENT HIMSELF?

>> DOES NOT.

AND DR. †CUNNINGHAM DOES NOT SAY THAT -- HE SAYS AFFIRMATIVELY, BASED ON WHAT WE HAVE FROM THE APPELLANT, HE'S NOT PSYCHOTIC OR SCHIZOPHRENIC.

HE MAKES THOSE STATEMENTS IN WHAT WE GET FROM DR. †CUNNINGHAM.

THE DEFENDANT WAS EVALUATED, AND I THINK IT'S DISCUSSED, AND THERE'S A LITTLE DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNSEL HERE ABOUT WHO SAID WHAT ABOUT HIS COMPETENCY EVALUATION BEFORE TRIAL.

I THINK AT ONE TIME I SAID MCKENZIE -- OR DEFENSE LAWYERS SAID MCKENZIE HAD BEEN EVALUATED, IT WAS MCKENZIE HIMSELF WHO SAID HE WAS EVALUATED.

>> IN WHAT SETTING?

>> COMPETENCY TO STAND TRIAL.

>> THE TRIAL JUDGE ACTUALLY APPOINTED EXPERTS TO EVALUATE HIM?

>> NO, YOUR HONOR, SINCE THE PUBLIC DEFENDER VALERINO DURING PERIOD OF REPRESENTATION BEFORE FARETTA HAD HIM EVALUATED.

THEY DISCUSSED AT THE ONSET OF THE PENALTY PHASE WHEN THEY WERE REAPPOINTED FOR A NIGHT AND THE NEXT MORNING MCKENZIE COMES BACK AND THOUGHT ABOUT IT AND DECIDES HE WANTS TO GO FORWARD BY HIMSELF.

SO MCKENZIE SAYS SOMETHING ABOUT THAT, AND IN A COLLOQUY WITH THE COURT IN A PRETRIAL HEARING ABOUT -- SOMETHING TO THE EFFECT, AND I'M PARAPHRASING, THEY'VE GOT TWO EVALUATIONS TO SHOW I'M COMPETENT.

THEY CAN SHOW THOSE TO YOU RIGHT NOW, INDICATING TOWARDS

THE DEFENSE ATTORNEYS.
AND AT THE PENALTY PHASE,
MR. †VALERINO SAYS THE SAME
THING AND SAYS WE HAVE NOT
HAD HIM EVALUATED FOR MENTAL
HEALTH EVALUATION.

WE HAD HIM EVALUATED FOR
COMPETENCY, AND THAT WAS
ESSENTIALLY IT.

AS TO THE OTHER MITIGATION,
MCKENZIE WAS ADAMANT HE
WANTED TO PRESENT ONLY WHAT
HE WANTED, AND HE PRESENTED
AT THE END -- HE ARGUED AT
THE END ABOUT DRUG ABUSE.
THE COURT WAS VERY LENIENT
AND ALLOWED HIM TO PRESENT
BANK RECORDS TO SHOW
FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS TO
SHOW HE WAS WITHDRAWING LARGE
SUMS OF MONEY TO PURCHASE
DRUGS, AND THE COURT WAS
LENIENT AND ALLOWED THEM TO
DO THAT.

SHOWED DRUG ABUSE IN
MITIGATION.

>> DOESN'T MEAN A CONCERN
APPLICABLE TO THIS CASE.
YOU ARE REALLY ARGUING THE
DIRECT APPEAL ISSUE WHICH IS
THAT HE WASN'T PRECLUDED FROM
PRESENTING MITIGATION AND HE
WAS COMPETENT TO WAIVE HIS
RIGHT TO COUNSEL.

WHAT I'M HEARING BEING SAID
TODAY IS THAT THAT WAS ONE
PICTURE, BUT REALLY -- BUT
THAT WASN'T THE REAL PICTURE.
THE REAL PICTURE IS THIS WAS
A SERIOUSLY MENTALLY ILL
PERSON WHO HAD DELUSIONS WHO
COULDN'T DO THIS.

AND THEREFORE, THE DEATH
PENALTY ISN'T RELIABLE
BECAUSE THERE'S A WHOLE OTHER
THING OUT THERE.

WHAT YOU'RE GIVING US IS THAT
EVEN THOUGH THERE'S SOME
PROFFERS IN THE RECORD, IT'S
NOT THAT SITUATION -- I MEAN,

THERE COULD BE A SITUATION,
BUT THIS ISN'T THAT CASE.
IS THAT WHAT I'M HEARING?
THERE ISN'T REALLY A
DIAGNOSIS OF WHAT WE WOULD
THINK OF AS THE DSM MENTAL
ILLNESS THAT MIGHT PREVENT
HIM FROM BEING ABLE TO SEE TO
REPRESENT HIMSELF, THE
INDIANA V. EDWARDS SITUATION.

>> CORRECT, YOUR HONOR, I
WOULD AGREE WITH THAT.
BUT AGAIN, THE IDEA THAT HE
COULDN'T DO THIS -- I THINK
THE BEST WE CAN GET FROM THE
APPELLANT'S ARGUMENT AT THIS
POINT AS JUSTICE PERRY
POINTED OUT, MAYBE HE DIDN'T
DO A GOOD JOB.

DIDN'T KNOW THE RULES OF
PROCEDURE ALL THAT WELL, AND
WAS PREVENTED BY THE RULES OF
EVIDENCE FROM ARGUING A
CERTAIN THING, AND THAT'S A
BURDEN HE TOOK ON WHENEVER HE
WAIVED HIS RIGHT TO COUNSEL.
BUT WE DON'T HAVE THE
SITUATION WHERE HE WAS
INCOMPETENT TO PROCEED OR
SUFFERED FROM SOME MENTAL
ILLNESS.

AND THE LAST THING I'LL SAY
ABOUT THE MITIGATION IS THAT
MCKENZIE WAS CLEAR THAT HE
DIDN'T WANT HIS LAWYERS
INVESTIGATING MITIGATION.
HE WAS PREVENTING THEM FROM
DOING THAT OR ARGUING WITH
THEM WHETHER THEY SHOULD DO
THAT OR NOT, AND IN THE
PRESENTENCING INVESTIGATION
WHEN THE SISTER WAS
INTERVIEWED, SHE INDICATED HE
DIDN'T WANT HER GOING INTO
FAMILY BACKGROUND.
HE DIDN'T WANT TO DRAG THEIR
FAMILY THROUGH THE PROCESS AS
WELL.

HE HAS THE RIGHT TO THAT
SELF-DETERMINATION, TO

EXERCISE FREE WILL, AND DO THAT IF HE WANTS TO. THIS COURT SAID THAT AS FAR BACK AS HAMBLIN IN 1988 HE HAS THE RIGHT TO CONTROL HIS OWN DESTINY.

THIS RECENTLY IN BOYD IN 2005 ALLOWED THE DEFENDANT TO PRESENT WHAT HE WANTED TO PRESENT, EVEN THOUGH THERE IS MITIGATION OR PART OF A BIGGER PICTURE HE CHOOSES NOT TO PRESENT BECAUSE OF HIS OWN FREE WILL.

>> LET ME ASK YOU THIS-- LAWYERS WERE PRESENTED, REAPPOINTED, AND EVEN IF IT WAS JUST FOR A DAY.

>> YES, YOUR HONOR.

>> DID THEY HAVE ANY OBLIGATION TO PRESENT TO THE COURT ANYTHING THAT THEY HAD FOUND EVEN THOUGH THAT WAS A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME FOR THEM TO HAVE FOUND SOMETHING? WERE THEY OBLIGATED TO DO THAT?

>> IN THE TIME FRAME THEY HAD, I WOULD SAY NO, YOUR HONOR.

HERE'S HOW THAT PLAYED OUT AT TRIAL.

THE VERDICT CAME OUT.

THE JURY WAS EXCUSED.

THERE IS PROCEDURAL MATTERS GOING ON, THE JUDGMENT AND SENTENCE IS HANDED TO THE DEFENDANT.

HE TAKES A MOMENT AND HE'S ALLOWED BY THE TRIAL COURT TO GO OUT AND DISCUSS WHAT HE WANTS TO DO NEXT WITH HIS STAND-BY COUNSEL, VALERINO, AND MR. QUETTY.

>> HE HAD THE STAND-BY COUNSEL.

>> THE CAPITAL PUBLIC DEFENDERS WERE STAND-BY COUNSEL THROUGH THE PROCESS. HE GETS A CHANCE TO TALK TO

THEM.

HE ASKS TO HAVE LAWYERS
REAPPOINTED FOR THE PENALTY
PHASE.

THE COURT SAYS OKAY, AND THE
LAWYERS ASKED FOR -- THEY'RE
GOING TO ASK FOR CONTINUANCE,
AND THEY'RE GOING TO NEED
MORE TIME TO PREPARE, THEY'RE
ASKING FOR A COUPLE OF
MONTHS, AND THE COURT'S GOING
TO COME BACK THE NEXT MORNING
AND HANDLE A FEW MORE
PROCEDURAL MATTERS AND EXCUSE
THE JURY FOR THE TIME PERIOD.

>> WHEN THEY HAVE THE COURT
STAMPED, YES, WE'RE GOING TO
GIVE YOU MORE TIME TO GET
THIS TOGETHER?

>> THE COURT RULED -- I'M
SORRY, THE COURT DID INDICATE
THEY WERE GOING TO CONTINUE
THIS OUT.

AND I BELIEVE THAT'S VOLUME 6
OF THE DIRECT APPEALS RECORD.
I APOLOGIZE I DON'T HAVE THE
EXACT PAGE NUMBER.

I REMEMBER READING THAT AS
SOON AS LAST NIGHT.

THE COURT DID SAY WE'RE GOING
TO ALLOW YOU TO CONTINUE AND
THEN THEY CAME BACK THE NEXT
MORNING.

THEY WERE GOING TO GO THROUGH
MORE PROCEDURAL MATTERS AND
EXCUSE THE JURY, AND MCKENZIE
CHANGED HIS MIND.

THEY STOOD UP AND WENT
THROUGH ANOTHER COMPLETE
FARETTA INQUIRY WHICH THE
COURT RECOGNIZED IN THE
DIRECT APPEAL OPINION.

IF THERE ARE NO FURTHER
QUESTIONS?

>> HE CLAIMED THAT THE --
[INAUDIBLE]

>> HE WAS NOT, JUSTICE PERRY.
MR. MCKENZIE WAS WANTED IN
MARION COUNTY FOR VARIOUS
ARMED ROBBERIES AND

CARJACKINGS HE COMMITTED IN THE MONTHS PRIOR TO THE MURDERS IN THIS CASE. HE WAS ARRESTED AND INDICTED IN OCTOBER 2006 AND TAKEN OUT OF ST. JOHN'S COUNTY. HE WAS BROUGHT BACK IN FEBRUARY OF '07 FOR INITIAL APPEARANCE.

AT THAT POINT HE INDICATED FIRST HE WAS GOING TO HIRE A LAWYER BUT DIDN'T DO THAT. FILED FOR STATUS LATER AND PUBLIC DEFENDER WAS APPOINTED.

A COUPLE OF WEEKS LATER, THE STATE INDICATES IT'S GOING TO SEEK THE DEATH PENALTY AND FILED THAT NOTICE AND CAPITAL QUALIFIED PUBLIC DEFENDERS ENTERED NOTICE OF APPEARANCE, AND WHEN THEY TRIED TO VISIT MR. MCKENZIE IN JAIL, HE WAS TAKEN OUT OF THE JAIL.

IT APPEARS IT WAS A CHASE TO FIND HIM BECAUSE, FOR THE NEXT STATUS CONFERENCE, THE TRIAL COURT ISSUES A TRANSPORT ORDER, AND IT ISSUES IT TO ONE OF THE COUNTIES.

WHEN HE GOES THERE, HE'S NOT THERE.

HE'S IN ANOTHER COUNTY.

WHEN THEY FILE FOR FOLLOW-UP STATUS CONFERENCE, HE'S SERVING THE SENTENCE.

AND THEY FINALLY FIND HIM IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND BRING HIM TO ST. JOHNS COUNTY.

IT TOOK SEVERAL MONTHS TO MAKE ALL OF THAT HAPPEN.

>> LET ME GET CLEAR IN MY MIND.

WHAT WAS THE TIME FRAME FROM THE TIME HE WAS ARRESTED ON THIS MURDER AND THE TIME THAT HE EXPRESSED HIS DISSATISFACTION WITH HIS

ATTORNEYS?

>>†HE WAS ARRESTED ON THE MURDER CHARGE IN OCTOBER 2006.

THE TIME HE STARTED IN OPEN COURT IN ST. JOHNS COUNTY EXPRESSING DISSATISFACTION WITH LAWYERS IS JULY '06.

>> HE WAS ARRESTED†--

I'M SORRY?

>> OCTOBER OF '06.

>> AND?

>> '07 OF JULY.

>> THEY DIDN'T SEE HIM THE ENTIRE TIME OR ONLY SAW HIM ONCE?

>> ALLEGATION IS NOBODY CAME AND SAW HIM WHEN -- THEY TRIED TO SEE HIM AT THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY AND HE WASN'T THERE. HE WAS TRANSPORTED TO OTHER COUNTIES.

IT APPEARS THE ALLEGATION -- AND I DON'T WANT TO PUT WORDS IN OPPOSING COUNSEL'S MOUTH -- THEY DIDN'T GET IN A CAR AND DRIVE TO SEE HIM WHEREVER HE WAS TRAVELING BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN THE OTHER JURISDICTIONS.

IF THERE WERE NO FURTHER QUESTIONS, WE ASK THE COURT AFFIRM THE SUMMARY DENIAL OF MOTION CLAIMS.

THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

>> JUST BRIEFLY, THEY DIDN'T EVEN CALL HIM BEFORE THEY WAIVED SPEEDY TRIAL?

THEY WAIVED SPEEDY TRIAL AT WHAT POINT?

>> THEY WAIVED SPEEDY TRIAL, I BELIEVE IT WOULD HAVE BEEN IN MARCH.

>> THAT'S THE FIRST TIME THE CASE CAME UP?

>> THE CASE HAD COME UP FOR ARRAIGNMENT.

>> WAS THAT THE CASE HE WAS ARRAIGNED AND THE CASE WAS

THEN SET FOR TRIAL?

AM I CORRECT?

>> EVENTUALLY.

WHAT HAD HAPPENED IS
MR. MCKENZIE -- SOME OF THE
AGGRAVATORS IN THIS CASE HAD
OTHER CASES.

HE WAS ARRESTED ON OCTOBER
5TH, WHICH YOU HAVE THE VIDEO
OF THAT INTERROGATION.

HE WASN'T SERVED WITH AN
ARREST WARRANT UNTIL FEBRUARY
7TH, THE DAY AFTER THE POLICE
INTERVIEWED HIM AGAIN.

>> THE POINT I'M TRYING TO
MAKE IS, HAVE YOU EVER HEARD
OF A FIRST-DEGREE MURDER CASE
WHERE THE STATE IS SEEKING
DEATH, GOING TO TRIAL THE
FIRST TIME THAT CASE IS
CALLED?

>> NEVER HAPPENED.

>> SO THERE'S ALWAYS GOING TO
BE A WAIVER OF SPEEDY TRIAL.
IT'S NOT THAT BIG A DEAL.

>> AFTER MEETING YOUR CLIENT,
OR AT LEAST SPEAKING TO HIM
ON THE PHONE -- THAT'S
GENERALLY THE PRACTICE --
UNLESS THERE IS A REASON TO
GO QUICKLY, AND THAT COULD
HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED --

>> HE COULD HAVE DEMANDED
SPEEDY TRIAL ANY TIME HE
WANTED.

>> HE DID.

>> AND WOULD HAVE GOTTEN IT.

>> HE SET IT CLOSE TO THE
TIME AND NEVER FILED AN
EXPIRATION.

THERE WAS NEVER ANY
EVALUATION FOR MITIGATION,
THERE WAS A -- THIS IS JUST
SPOKEN ABOUT ON THE RECORD.
THERE WAS PERHAPS AN
EVALUATION THAT COUNSEL DID
AS A DEFENSIVE MECHANISM TO
FIND OUT WHETHER HE WAS
COMPETENT AND THAT WAS ALL
THAT WAS DONE.

IT WASN'T AS IF THEY WERE†--
>>†I THOUGHT THAT'S WHAT HE
SAID, THERE WAS NEVER AN
EVALUATION.

>> THAT'S, I BELIEVE
CORRECTLY, WHAT HAPPENED.
I JUST WANT TO ASK THAT YOU
PLEASE AT LEAST CONSIDER
DR. †CUNNINGHAM'S EVALUATION.
HE POINTS TO A LOT OF
DIFFERENT -- THERE ARE SO
MANY THINGS THAT HAPPENED IN
THIS MAN'S LIFE AND SO MANY
THINGS THAT HAPPENED TO HIM,
I ASK THAT YOU PLEASE VIEW
THE INTERROGATION WITH
MR. †MCKENZIE.

YOU CAN'T HELP BUT WALK AWAY
AND THINK THERE'S A LOT OF
MITIGATION HERE, AND THAT WAS
NEVER CONSIDERED BECAUSE
NOBODY INTRODUCED OR BROUGHT
UP THE DVDS OF HIS FIRST
INTERROGATION AT TRIAL OR ANY
TIME.

I SEE MY TIME'S UP.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> THANK YOU FOR YOUR
ARGUMENTS.