



1 requested routine updates as to the status of Defendant's FL.R.Crim.P  
2 3.850. A copy of such order was enclosed for the judges review.

3 3. Within 10-days (12/01/20) sitting Judge - Michael P. McDaniel, denied  
4 the defendants Motion with leave to amend. Sequence #673.

5 4. A Second Amended Motion for Post-Conviction Relief, FLA. 3.850, was  
6 timely filed on **January 28<sup>th</sup> 2021**.

7 5. The motion was filed in good faith, defendant believing that each  
8 allegation as alleged and or as a cumulative effect of allegations  
9 would satisfy the *Strickland* test for "Ineffective Assistance of  
10 Counsel", for which the Defendant suffered "Prejudice" and thus  
11 entitled Defendant to a new trial on remaining counts;

12 6. Again 90-days elapsed and Defendant again filed "Motion for Status  
13 Update", 04/27/2021, Sequence #676

14 7. As of the date of this Notice to the Chief Judge, another 90+ days  
15 have elapsed for a total of 180+ days - 6+ months - with no ruling, no  
16 response for a Status Update so he can respond to the Honorable Federal  
17 Judge Merryday's orders.

18 8. Defendant has a pending Federal Habeas Corpus in the Middle District  
19 of Tampa (C/N. [REDACTED] that is currently "STAYED"  
20 pending the outcome of this motion. (See attached Order)

21 9. The Federal District Court has requested an update as to the Status of  
22 Defendants FLA. 3.850 Motion, no later than MONDAY, AUGUST 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021.  
23 (See same attached Order, same order was provided to Judge McDaniel)

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25 Defendant Teets now has less than 30-days to respond to the Honorable  
26 Federal Judge Merryday's Orders. Defendant has tried Motions for Status Update,  
27 copying Judge McDaniel on the Honorable Judge Merryday's Orders. Defendant has  
28 tried to call Judge McDaniel's Office and not been able to get through to

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1 anyone, except one time, around April and was informed, the Second Amended  
2 Motion for FL. 3.850 has been received, per the clerks date and the Motion had  
3 been placed with Law Clerk.

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5 **REUQUEST FOR RELIEF**  
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7 Defendant's case already presents numerous legally sufficient issues,  
8 proof of innocence being one. In addition we have the fact that Defendant's  
9 Circuit Court "Presiding Judge" John Stargel is now a 2<sup>nd</sup> DCA Judge. As if that  
10 were not enough, Defendant's "Trial Counsel" was Latorea Sphor, who now is a  
11 sitting 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit Judge. The idea of getting impartiality from a 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit  
12 fellow judge, let alone an appointment of counsel from a Polk County lawyer,  
13 who would not fear retribution from the Courts for attacking one of it's fellow  
14 members, is nonsensical.

15 A Rule 3.850 motion must be filed in the circuit court that rendered  
16 judgment. After a motion is filed, along with a defendant's signed oath as to  
17 the factual merits raised in such motion, the trial court must analyze the  
18 motion to determine whether the claims are legally sufficient. If the claims  
19 are legally sufficient, the court will often require that the state respond in  
20 writing **within a certain period of time**. If Defendant is unable to receive a  
21 ruling, now well outside of the norm, Defendant is left to believe as per  
22 various Rules of Procedure, that his Motion is therefore "DEFACTO DENIED" and  
23 proceed to the Honorable Federal Judge Merryday and ask for "RELIEF AND  
24 PREMISSION TO PROCEED".

25 Defendant therefore, asks this Chief Judge Ellen S. Masters, for perhaps  
26 a soft inquiry as to the hold up of defendant's motion.

27 This is to certify this document is filed in good faith pursuant  
28 FLA.R.CRIM.P.

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# EXHIBIT 1

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA  
TAMPA DIVISION

WILLIAM JASON TEETS,

Applicant,

v.

CASE NO. 8:18-cv-2992-SDM-JSS

SECRETARY, Department of Corrections,

Respondent.

ORDER

An earlier order (Doc. 19) both lifts the previously imposed stay and dismisses the action. Teets moves (Doc. 20) under Rule 60(b), Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, to vacate the order and reinstate the administrative closure pending the conclusion of pending state court proceedings. In the motion Teets shows that he is actively pursuing the state court proceedings.

The motion (Doc. 20) under Rule 60(b) **GRANTED**. The earlier order (Doc. 19) is **VACATED**. The clerk is directed to **RE-OPEN** this case and reinstate the previously imposed **ADMINISTRATIVE CLOSURE**. Not later than **MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 2021** (and every subsequent six months), Teets must file a status report as the earlier orders (Docs. 12 and 15) direct. The failure to comply

with the district court's orders might result in both the lifting of the stay and the dismissal of this action.

ORDERED in Tampa, Florida, on February 17, 2021.



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STEVEN D. MERRYDAY  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

# EXHIBIT 2



1 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
2 MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA  
3 TAMPA DIVISION  
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5 WILLIAM JASON TEETS

6 PLAINTIFF,

CASE NO. 8:18-CV-2992-T-23JSS

7 V.

JUDGE MERRYDAY

8 SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

9 RESPONDENT,  
10 \_\_\_\_\_ /  
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12 STATUS UPDATE AS PER THE HONORABLE JUDGE MERRYDAY'S ORDERS

13 COMES NOW, William Jason Teets, Pro-Se, in the above referenced matter  
14 and provides this Honorable Court with a Status Update.  
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- 16 1. In the interest of brevity, Plaintiff Teets attaches his "Notice and  
17 Request" to the 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit Chief Judge Ellen S. Masters and  
18 incorporates such into the record. This Motion outlines the  
19 extraordinary steps Plaintiff Teets has had to take to get a ruling  
20 from the Presiding Judge McDaniel.
- 21 2. Plaintiff incorporates such Motion to comply with the Honorable Judge  
22 Merryday's orders for routine updates, next date rapidly approaching  
23 on August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
- 24 3. I have provided both the 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit Chief Judge and Presiding Judge,  
25 a copy of Your Honor's Order.
- 26 4. If Plaintiff does not receive proper response from either 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit  
27 Judge, Plaintiff will proceed on the belief, his Motion for FLA. 3.850  
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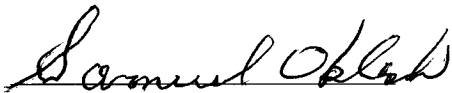
1 has been denied, in accordance with the norms of timeliness of ruling  
2 on filed motions.

3 5. If such would happen, I would then come back to this Honorable Court  
4 and ask to proceed as his Motion for FLA. 3.850 has been DEFACTO  
5 DENIED.

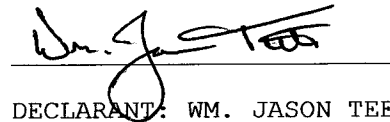
6 6. Please see attached Motion for this Honorable Courts review, that such  
7 will be considered being a Status Update to this Honorable Court and  
8 satisfy said Court's Orders.

9 DECLARATION PER FEDERAL RULE 28 U.S.C. 1746

10 "I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and  
11 correct. Executed on this 21<sup>ST</sup> day of July, 2021.

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14 WITNESS: SAM OKLESH

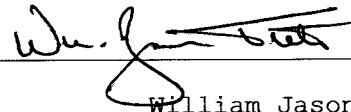
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14 DECLARANT: WM. JASON TEETS

15 I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been  
16 furnished by U.S. Mail to: United States District Court Middle District of  
17 Florida, Tampa Division - Office of the Clerk - Sam Gibbons United States  
18 Courthouse - 801 N. Florida Avenue - Tampa, Fl. 33602. On this 21<sup>ST</sup> day of  
19 2021. JULY

20 Respectfully,

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