

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

MYREN WAYNE LARSON,

Petitioner,

v.

CASE NO. 75,085

STATE OF FLORIDA,

Respondent.

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I. PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

Petitioner, Myren Wayne Larson, was the defendant in the circuit court and the appellant in the district court and will be referred to in this brief **as** the petitioner. The State of Florida was the prosecution below and will be referred to herein **as** the state. All references to the district court opinion, which is appended to this brief, will be by use of the symbol "A," followed by the appropriate page number in brackets. All emphasis is supplied unless otherwise indicated.

11. STATEMENT OF THE CASE AND FACTS

The district court opinion contains the complete statement of the facts in this **case** CA 1-41.

III. SUMMARY OF ARGUMENT

The district court held, inter alia, that "the defendant may not appeal conditions of his probation which he neither objected to nor filed a motion to strike or correct." CA 5] This holding directly and expressly conflict5 with Miller v. State, 407 So.2d 959, 960 (Fla. 1981), which held that "a defendant is not required to object to conditions of probation in order to preserve them for appellate review." The district court holding also directly and expressly conflicts with at least two other district court decisions on the same point of law.

IV. ARGUMENT

ISSUE PRESENTED

THE DISTRICT COURT'S HOLDING THAT CONDITIONS OF PROBATION MUST BE OBJECTED TO FOR PRESERVATION OF APPELLATE REVIEW DIRECTLY AND EXPRESSLY CONFLICTS WITH MILLER V. STATE, 407 SO.2D 959 (FLA. 4TH DCA 1981); DIORIO V. STATE, 359 SO.2D 45 (FLA. 2D DCA 1978); AND COULSON V. STATE, 342 SO.2D 1042 (FLA. 4TH DCA 1977), ON THE IDENTICAL POINT OF LAW.

Article V, section 3(b)(3) of the Florida Constitution permits this Court to claim discretionary jurisdiction to review a decision of a district court of appeal "that expressly and directly conflicts with a decision of another district court of appeal or of the supreme court on the same question of law." The essential purpose behind this provision is to allow this Court to clarify confusion among the several districts on points of law which, on their face, cannot be reconciled.

In this case, the First District Court of Appeal held "[t]he defendant may not appeal conditions of his probation which he neither objected to nor filed a motion to strike or correct." (A 51 This holding conflicts with three decisions from other district courts of appeal on this same point of law:

Miller v. State, 407 So.2d 959, 960 (Fla. 4th DCA 1981): "Ordinarily a defendant is not required to object to conditions of probation in order to preserve them for appellate review."

DiOrio v. State, 359 So.2d 45, 46 (Fla. 2d DCA 1978): "We hold that his right of appeal [of conditions of probation] is not contingent upon the registering of objections at the time probation is granted."

Coulson v. State, 342 So.2d 1042, 1043 (Fla. 4th DCA 1977): "The state contends that Coulson has not preserved the foregoing point on appeal because he offered no objection to the condition at sentencing, arguing that his

silence acted as a waiver of objection. We reject such a position."

These cases amply demonstrate the clear, express and direct conflict between the opinion below and these other district court decisions. If the true purpose of the conflict jurisdiction of this Court is to resolve confusion among the several districts on the same point of law, then this Court should accept review of this case to accomplish that purpose. To deny review in this instance would not merely continue the confusion that is already brewing in the district courts on the rights of appellate review of conditions of probation, but add to that confusion by declining to resolve it.

Furthermore, this case is of exceptional importance in that it directly impacts upon a defendant's right to appeal. The district court's opinion expressly denies petitioner his statutory right to take an appeal from the unconstitutional conditions imposed on his probation. The denial of this right cannot **be** understated.


Accordingly, because the opinion below directly and expressly conflicts with at least three decisions from other district courts of appeal, this court should invoke its discretionary jurisdiction to review this case.

V. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, the petitioner respectfully requests this Court to accept review of the district court opinion in this case and grant oral argument so that the issues pending in his appeal may be properly and fully heard.

Respectfully submitted,

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing Petitioner's Jurisdictional Brief has been furnished by hand-delivery to Carolyn J. Mosley, Assistant Attorney General, The Capitol, Tallahassee, Florida, 32302; and a copy has been mailed to Mr. Mryen W. Larson, 999 S.W. 16th Avenue, Apartment #36, Gainesville, Florida, 32600, on this 6th day of December, 1989.


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