

RE: request for file

Mr.

Enclosed please find the contents of my file generated upon representing you on direct appeal. I do not have a copy of the transcript from your trial. I returned the transcript to the Clerk after I completed your brief last year. Further, I do not have a copy of any records from the District Clerk's Office in my file, aside from correspondence sent to me. As with the reporter's record ("transcript"), I returned the clerk's record to their office once the brief was completed and filed. Nor do I have any of the trial exhibits which would be in the custody of the District Clerk's Office as part of the reporter's record. You may request a copy of the record (both reporters and clerks) from the Court based on your indigent status.

Additionally, you asked for copies of "police reports, transcripts, lab notes, hospital records, etc." I did not represent you at trial. I did not get copies of the reports or the records. This would be something your trial counsel would have received. Nevertheless, he cannot give you copies of the police report. You may always request copies from the Sheriff's Office under an open records request. Be aware, though, that this will be a public release document and will be redacted.

You will find my trial summary, which is a short-hand version of the transcript that I prepare while reviewing the record. It summarizes each witness's testimony, citing volume and page numbers. This allows me to refer quickly and easily to the record while drafting my brief. Also find the correspondence from the clerk's office, some notes, requests for medical records (which were never received by me), correspondence from me to you informing you of the status of your appeal, and your correspondence to me. Finally, there are additional copies of the briefs and the opinion that have already been sent to you.

Regards,

cc: Jessica Bergeman via email