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STATE OF WASHINGTON, RESPONDENT

v.

ANDRE VARGAS, APPELLANT

Appeal from the Superior Court of Pierce County
The Honorable Shelly Speir

No. 16-1-02635-6

Supplemental Brief of Respondent

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A. ISSUES PERTAINING TO APPELLANT'S SUPPLEMENTAL ASSIGNMENTS OF ERROR.

1. Should this court remand for the criminal filing fee and the interest accrual provision to be stricken?

B. STATEMENT OF FACTS

The statement of facts is contained in the State's response brief and incorporated here by reference.

C. ARGUMENT.

1. THIS COURT SHOULD ORDER THAT THE IMPOSITION OF THE CRIMINAL FILING FEE AND THE INTEREST ACCRUAL PROVISION BE STRIKEN.

In this case, the trial court found the defendant to be indigent. CP 70 - 71. The defendant's direct appeal is still pending. House Bill 1783, effective March 27, 2018, prohibits the imposition of the \$200.00 filing fee on defendants who were indigent at the time of sentencing. As the court held in *State v. Ramirez*, __ Wn.2d __, 426 P.3d 714 (2018), House Bill 1783 is applicable to cases that are on appeal and therefore not yet final. The State agrees that the criminal filing fee of \$200.00 that was imposed in this case should be stricken. The State further agrees that House Bill 1783 eliminates any interest accrual on nonrestitution legal financial obligations.

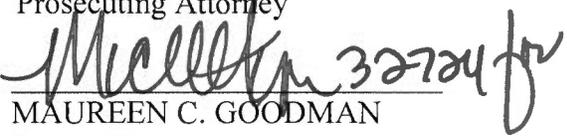
The State acknowledges that this defendant was found indigent by the sentencing court, and therefore the \$200.00 criminal filing fee and the interest accrual provision should be stricken.

D. CONCLUSION.

This court should remand for the trial court to strike the imposition of the \$200.00 filing fee and the interest accrual provision, and affirm all other issues as stated in the State's response brief.

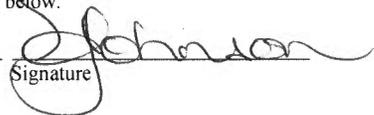
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