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**IN THE COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
DIVISION II**

STATE OF WASHINGTON,
Respondent,

v.

MARIO STEELE,
Appellant.

NO. 51505-9
SUBMISSION OF APPELLANT'S
PRO SE SUPPLEMENTAL BRIEF

Attached is Mr. Steele's pro se supplemental brief, which he sent to me for filing.

DATED this 15th day of October 2018.

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Regarding the matter of Mario Steele, I wish to address this court, express my heart while making a Statement of Additional Grounds. Regarding the events that transpired over one-hundred months ago, I am regretful and saddened by the unwitting role I played. I wish to express these heartaches and regrets to the court and to the victims family.

These past years have been spent in reflection upon the issues and actions I took which resulted in my incarceration. If I had not offered a ride to my family and friends and if I had known what their intent was, I would not have played any part in the murder of Leonard Masten. It is hard for me to rationalize that my actions led to the events that transpired.

Despite this I wish to convey to the family of Mr. Masten and this court my regret in the tragic events that occurred on, or about, January, 2010. Life is a precious commodity and should be cherished and sustained at all cost. I lived by that creed prior to the events of January, 2010, and I intend on doing so in the future.

During my time incarcerated, not a day goes by that regret, remorse, and sorrow exudes from my heart over this tragic event. To the family of Mr. Masten, please hear my words, I am sorry that I played a part in the death of a loved one; that my actions led to the taken of a wonderful man's life that was a contributing element within your family as well as the circle of friends he held so closely. Please forgive me of my actions as I seek your forgiveness. Not a day goes by that I do not mournfully regret the decisions that led up to that fateful event. The loss of life does not justify any decision made, nor does playing a role in these events. I ask for your forgiveness.

To this court I also ask for forgiveness in my role that led to the events, stated above. As noted in this cause I am not a violent man, nor do I intend to live as one in the future. Instead it is the making of good decisions through my whole life, and seeking to do the same in the future, that will allow me to be a contributing element in society. I ask this court to allow me this opportunity.

As noted in my case and now by my pursuits during my nine years of incarceration, I intend on doing just that through positive achievements: Redemption, completion of my GED, Roots to Success, while contributing and participating in DOC programming. I ask for this court to consider these facts in determining my fate.

Statement of Additional Grounds:

No evidence exists to indentify, or indicate me as participant in murder. Suggesting that giving a ride to friends is a crime, or that knowledge of thier intent, or contributing to their actions has severely infringed upon my due process rights. This means of attaining a conviction is akin to the current political affairs broadcasted in the media today: guilt by projection, assimilation, association.

No evidence exists that I robbed anyone. Instead the evidence states that I never left the vehicle. Again, no evidence exists to support the assertions of the prosecution, nor does any evidence suggest I knew of, or had intent to, commit robbery.

Character assignation is unconstitutional. No evidence supports such an assertion. Such methods taken by the prosecution as a consequence for not testify - or lying under oath - for the benefit of the prosecution is unconstitutional.

No crimiminal statue exists that states it is illegal to give a ride to friends. No evidence suggests, proves, or collaborates my knowledge of, nor intent of Mr. Steele to cause harm to anyone.

It is prosecutorial misconduct to project a crime upon co-defendant's as a means and method to obtain testimony to prosecute another. Instead it is prosecutorial abuse of power.

Charged with a crime I did not commit: willing or knowing.

Forced to accept Alford plea as a retaliatory action by the prosecution: punishment for not testifying or capitulating to the demands of the Prosecutor.

I have been unrightfully treated by the court who over-sentenced me, failing to recognize that this charge was a first offence.

Unrightfully charging me with a firearm felony even though I did not possess a firearm, nor did I know my friends were in possession.

Again, to the family of Mr. Matden, and this court, please forgive me of my ultimate role in this matter.

Humbly submitted under oath with the consequence of perjury.

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