

II. GROUND FOR RELIEF

(a) Pertinent facts

In addition to the above procedural facts, the pertinent facts and documents supporting Coggin's claims are fully set forth in Petitioner's Supplemental Brief, which is being filed contemporaneously with this Petition.

(b) Other remedies inadequate

There are no other remedies available to Coggin. He has already exercised his right to challenge his conviction and sentence on direct appeal.

(c) Unlawful restraint

Coggin's restraint is unlawful for the reasons set forth in Petitioner's Supplemental Brief. Both the federal and state constitutions guarantee the right to public trial. U.S. Const. Amend. VI; Wash. Const. art. 1, sec. 22. When the court conducted a portion of jury voir dire in chambers, Coggin was denied this right. His restraint is unlawful under RAP 16.4(c) because:

The conviction was obtained or the sentence or other order entered in a criminal proceeding . . . instituted by the state or local government was imposed or entered in violation of the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution or laws of the State of Washington

RAP 16.4(c)(2).

(d) Legal argument

The legal arguments supporting Coggin's claims are found in Petitioner's Supplemental Brief.

III. Statement of Finances

The Superior Court declared Coggin indigent for purposes of his direct appeal. His position has not changed. He has been incarcerated since his conviction and has no significant assets. Under RAP 16.15(h), Coggin respectfully requests that this Court waive his filing fee and other costs necessary for consideration of his Petition.

IV. Statement in Compliance with RCW 10.73.140

Coggin has not filed a previous Petition.

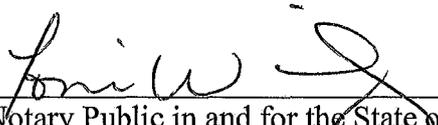
V. Request for Relief

Coggin respectfully requests that this Court overturn his conviction based on violations of his federal and state rights to a public trial.

After being first duly sworn, on oath, I depose and say: That I am the Petitioner, that I have read the Petition, know its contents, and I believe the Petition is true.


WILLIAM R. COGGIN

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25 day of April,
2007.


Notary Public in and for the State of
Washington, residing at
Pierce Co.

**Records and Identification Officer
Authorized Officer pursuant to
RCW 54.08.090**