

Washington State Supreme Court

IN THE SUPREME COURT STATE OF WASHINGTON

Case No. 97200-1

LORI JONES JORDAN Respondent

V.

STEPHEN E. WHITTED Petitioner

MOTION TO ENLARGE TIME TO FILE PETITON FOR DISCRETIONARY REVIEW

COMES NOW Petitioner, Stephen E. Whitted, proceeding *pro se*, and pursuant to Rule of Appellate Procedure 18.8(b), and hereby moves to enlarge the time by one day to file his Petition for Discretionary Review.

In support of this Motion, Petitioner respectfully states the following:

- Division I of the Court of Appels decided Case No. 77967
 2 1 and issued an unpublished opinion in that matter on April 22,
 2019.
- 2. Pursuant to RAP 13.4(a), a Petition for Discretionary

 Review was due within 30 days after the decision terminating review was

filed. In this case, the Petition for Discretionary Review was due to be filed on May 22, 2013.

- 3. Thereafter, on May 1, 2091, the undersigned mistakenly filed a Notice of Appeal of the April 22, 2019 decision with the Court of Appeals. This was done 21 days before the deadline.
- 4. On May 15, 2019, the undersigned received correspondence from the Supreme Court Deputy Clerk informing of the mistaken filing.

 That correspondence informed that the Petition for Review was due to be filed in the Supreme Court by close of business on May 22, 2019.
- 5. The undersigned prepared a formal Petition for Review in full compliance with the requirements of RAP 13.4. The undersigned attempted to file the Petition electronically on May 21, 2019 but was unable to do so. Also, on the morning of May 21, 2019 at 10:49 a. m. (EST), the undersigned forwarded the Petition for Discretionary Review to the Clerk of the Supreme Court with a second copy via Priority Mail Express. (See, Exhibit "A"). The undersigned paid the priority mailing express fee of \$25.50. (See, Exhibit "B"). The undersigned included the \$200.00 filing fee in the express mailing. (See, Exhibit "C"). Significantly, the postal clerk informed that the priority mail express package would be delivered in Olympia, Washington on the following day,

- May 22, 2019. Priority Mail Express is guaranteed for next day delivery.
- 6. On May 22, 2019, Lori Jordan was served with a copy of the Petition for Discretionary Review via electronic mail.
- 7. The undersigned forwarded the Petition for Discretionary Review through the U. S. Postal Service because the only address provided for mailing of the Petition for Discretionary Review to the Supreme Court is a post office box located within a U. S. Post Office.
- 8. On May 28, 2019, the Supreme Court Clerk informed that the Petition for Discretionary Review was not received on May 22, 2019, as the U. S. Postal Service promised, but, rather, was received on May 23, 2019, one day later.
- 9. On May 30, 2019, the undersigned visited the post office of origin of the priority express mailing to determine the reason for the late delivery of the package. Mr. Terry Moore, Customer Service Supervisor, investigated the matter. (See, Exhibit "D"). He learned that a Window Clerk failed to properly put the correct destination for the Priority Mail Express package in their system. Specifically, the Clerk did not complete the entire right side of the shipping label. (See, Exhibit "A"). Without this information on the shipping label, the package was not processed as a Priority Mail Express package, consequently, it was not delivered as

guaranteed on May 22, 2019, but, rather, one day late.

- The undersigned has never experienced this type of error
 with a Priority Mail Express package.
- Discretionary Review one day after the deadline, as she 1) received a copy of the Petition electronically in a timely manner on May 22, 2019, 2) she has been aware of the appellate issues discussed in the Petition for many months, and 3) presumably, she has not and will not incur any additional costs as a consequence of this Court accepting the filing one day after the deadline. On the other hand, the undersigned will be greatly prejudiced if the Petition for Discretionary Review is not accepted one day after the deadline, as he will have no other recourse for the determination of his rights.
- 12. The Petitioner has not filed a frivolous appeal. Rather, the issues raised in the Petition for Discretionary Review have legal merit and are based upon law decided by this Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals. Petitioner argues that the Court of Appeals decision in Case No. 77967-2-1 is in conflict with legal authority decided by the Supreme Court and an unpublished opinion of the Court of Appeals. *See*, RAP 13.4 (petition for review will be accepted if decision of the Court of Appeals is

in conflict with a decision of the Supreme Court).

CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, for the grounds set forth more fully in the instant Motion, and the Exhibits incorporated therein and attached thereto, the undersigned requests that this Court enlarge the time and accept the Petition for Discretionary Review, which was received by this Court on May 23, 2019, as filed on May 22, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen E. Whitted, Pro Se

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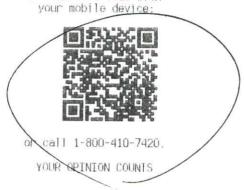
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EXHIBIT

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Date: May 30, 2019

To: Erin Lennon, Deputy Clerk

From: Terry Moore (United States Postal Service)

Re: Stephen Whitted 1 Stratford Garden Court Silver Spring, Md 20904

Please accept this letter of understanding on behalf of Mr. Stephen Whitted of 1 Stratford Garden Court Silver Spring Md 20904. On May 5/21/2019, Mr. Whitted visited my Post Office of 20904 and purchased an Express Shipping destined for your location at P.O.Box 40929 Olympia, Washington 98504.

Due to a mistake or my Window Clerk behalf, we failed to properly put the correct destination in the system and this was the reason for this Package Tracking: EL756169593US to become delayed and not reach your PO Box on 5/22/2019. This clerk will be disciplined accordingly. We apologize for any inconvenience this has caused Mr. Whitted and your Office. The Service was guaranteed for Delivery on 5/22/2019, which is why Mr. Whitted used our agency to deliver the item. Please direct any questions to me directly.

Thanks for your attention,

Terry Moore

Customer Service Supervisor United States Postal Service 13217 New Hampshire Ave Silver Spring, Md 20904 (301) 879-2330 Terry.L.Moore@usps.gov

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HERBY CERTIFY that on this 3rd day of June 2019, a copy of the foregoing Motion

was electronically forwarded to:

Lori Jones Jordan 15600 NE 8th Street Suite B- 1, Box 381 Bellevue, WA 98008 Lorijordan@outlook.com

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Stephen E. Whitted