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RAP FORM 17. Personal Restraint Petition for Person Confined by State or Local Government

[Rule 16.7]

No. [appellate court]

[Put name of appellate court that you want to hear your case.]
OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

[Put your name here.],)
) PERSONAL RESTRAINT
) PETITION
 Petitioner.)

If there is not enough room on this form, use the back of these pages or use other paper. Fill out all of this form and other papers you are attaching before you sign this form in front of a notary.

A. STATUS OF PETITIONER

I,

(full name, personal pronouns (optional), and address)

apply for relief from confinement. I am [] am not [] now in
custody serving a sentence upon conviction of a crime. (If not

serving a sentence upon conviction of a crime) I am now in custody because of the following type of court order:

_____.

(identify type of order)

1. My anticipated release date is _____.

2. The court in which I was sentenced is _____.

3. I was convicted of the crime(s) of

_____.

4. I was sentenced after trial [], after plea of guilty [] on

_____.

(date of sentence) The judge who imposed sentence was

_____.

(name of trial court judge)

5. My lawyer at trial court was

_____.

(name and address if known; if none, write "none")

_____.

6. I did [] did not [] appeal from the decision of the

trial court. If the answer is that I did, I appealed to

_____.

(name of court or courts to which appeal was taken)

My lawyer on appeal was

_____.

(name and address if known; if none, write "none")

The decision of the appellate court was [] was not []

published. If the answer is that it was published, and I have this

information, the decision is published in

_____.

(volume number, Washington Appellate Reports or

_____.

Washington Reports, and page number)

7. Since my conviction I have [] have not [] asked a

court for some relief from my sentence other than I have

already written above. If the answer is that I have asked, the

court I asked was _____.

_____.

(name of court or courts in which relief was sought)

Relief was denied on

(date of decision or, if more than one, dates of all decisions)

8. If I have answered in question 7 that I did ask for relief, the name of my lawyer in the proceeding mentioned in my answer to question 7 was

(name and address if known; if none, write "none")

9. If the answers to the above questions do not really tell about the proceedings and the courts, judges and attorneys involved in your case, tell about it here:

B. GROUNDS FOR RELIEF

(If I claim more than one reason for relief from confinement, I attach sheets for each reason separately, in the same way as the first one. The attached sheets should be

numbered "First Ground", "Second Ground", "Third Ground", etc.). I claim that I have _____ (number) reason(s) for this court to grant me relief from the conviction and sentence described in Part A.

_____ Ground

(First, Second, etc.)

1. I should be given a new trial or released from confinement because (Here state legal reasons why you think there was some error made in your case which gives you the right to a new trial or release from confinement.):

2. The following facts are important when considering my case (After each fact statement, put the name of the person or persons who know the fact and will support your statement of the fact. If the fact is already in the record of your case, indicate that, also.):

_____.

3. The following reported court decisions (include citations if possible) in cases similar to mine show the error I believe happened in my case (If none are known, state "None known".): _____

_____.

4. The following statutes and constitutional provisions should be considered by the court (If none are known, state "None known".):

_____.

5. This petition is the best way I know to get the relief I want, and no other way will work as well because

_____.

C. STATEMENT OF FINANCES

If you cannot afford to pay the filing fee or cannot afford to pay an attorney to help you, fill this out. If you have enough money for these things, do not fill out this part of the form.

1. I do ____ do not ____ ask the court to file this without making me pay the filing fee because I am so poor I cannot pay the fee.

2. I have a spendable balance of \$_____ in my prison or institution account.

3. I do ____ do not ____ ask the court to appoint a lawyer for me because I am so poor I cannot afford to pay a lawyer.

4. I am ____ am not ____ employed. My salary or wages amount to \$_____ a month. My employer is

_____.

(name and address)

5. During the past 12 months I did ____ did not ____ get any money from a business, profession or other form of

self-employment. (If I did, it was _____

and the total income I got was \$_____.)

(kind of self-employment)

6. During the past 12 months, I

did did not get any rent payments. If so, the total

amount I got was \$_____.

____ ____ get any interest. If so, the total amount I

got was \$_____.

____ ____ get any dividends. If so, the total amount I

got was \$_____.

____ ____ get any other money. If so, the amount of

money I got was \$_____.

7. ____ ____ have any cash except as said in answer 2.

If so, the total amount of cash I have

is \$_____.

____ ____ have any savings accounts or checking

accounts. If so, the amount in all

accounts is \$_____.

____ own stocks, bonds, or notes. If so, their
total value is \$_____.

8. List all real estate and other property or things of value which belong to you or in which you have an interest. Tell what each item of property is worth and how much you owe on it. Do not list household furniture and furnishings and clothing which you or your family need.

Items	Value
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

9. I am ____ am not ____ married. If I am married, my wife or husband's name and address is

10. All of the persons who need me to support them are listed here.

Name and Address	Relationship	Age

11. All the bills I owe are listed here.

Name of creditor you owe money to	Address	Amount

contents, and I believe the petition is true.

[sign here]

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this ____ day
of _____.

Notary Public in and for the State of Washington, residing at:

If a notary is not available, explain why none is available
and indicate who can be contacted to help you find a notary:

Then sign below:

I declare that I have examined this petition and to the best
of my knowledge and belief it is true and correct.

[If the petition is prepared using word processing
software, include the following statement: This document
contains _____ words, excluding the parts of the document

exempted from the word count by RAP 18.17.]

_____ [date].

[sign here]

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