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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. The court in which I was sentenced is \_\_\_\_\_.

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

\_\_\_\_\_.

3. I was sentenced after trial \_\_\_\_, after plea of guilty \_\_\_\_ on

\_\_\_\_\_.

(date of sentence) The judge who imposed sentence was

\_\_\_\_\_.

(name of trial court judge)

4. My lawyer at trial court was

\_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_.

5. 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)

6. 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)

7. If I have answered in question 6 that I did ask for relief, the name of my lawyer in the proceeding mentioned in my answer to question 6 was

\_\_\_\_\_.

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

8. 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

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

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

listed here.

Name and Address

## Relationship

Age

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11. All the bills I owe are listed here.

Name of creditor

## Address

Amount

you owe money to

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#### D. REQUEST FOR RELIEF

I want this court to:

\_\_\_\_ vacate my conviction and give me a new trial

\_\_\_\_ vacate my conviction and dismiss the criminal

charges against me without a new trial

\_\_\_ other (specify)

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## E. OATH OF PETITIONER

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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.

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[sign here]

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this \_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_.

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

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

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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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