

Supreme Court of the State of New York
Appellate Division: Second Judicial Department

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A. GAIL PRUDENTI, P.J.
WILLIAM F. MASTRO
REINALDO E. RIVERA
ROBERT A. SPOLZINO
PETER B. SKELOS, JJ.

2009-02751, 2009-02753

DECISION & ORDER ON MOTION
Motion for Poor Person Relief
and to Assign Counsel
Appeal from Judgment

The People, etc., respondent,
v John A. Black, appellant.

(Ind. Nos. 1553-08, 8006-09)

Motion by the appellant pro se for leave to prosecute appeals from two judgments of the County Court, Suffolk County, both rendered February 19, 2009, as a poor person, and for the assignment of counsel.

Upon the papers filed in support of the motion and the papers filed in relation thereto,
it is

ORDERED that the motion is granted; and it is further,

ORDERED that the appeals will be heard on the original papers (including a certified transcript of the proceedings, if any) and on the appellant's and the respondent's briefs; the parties are directed to file nine copies of their respective briefs and to serve one copy on each other; and it is further,

ORDERED that the stenographer of the trial court is directed promptly to make, certify, and file two transcripts of the proceedings of any pretrial hearings, of the plea of guilty or of the trial, and of the imposition of sentence in this action, except for those minutes previously transcribed and certified (*see* 22 NYCRR 671.9); and it is further,

ORDERED that in the event that the case was tried to a conclusion before a jury, the stenographer shall also make, certify, and file two transcripts of the minutes of proceedings during

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jury selection; and it is further,

ORDERED that the Clerk of the trial court shall furnish one certified transcript of each of the proceedings set forth above to the appellant's counsel, without charge (*see* CPL 460.70); assigned counsel is directed to turn over those transcripts to the respondent when counsel serves the appellant's brief on the respondent; and it is further,

ORDERED that in the event the stenographer has already prepared a copy of any of the minutes for a codefendant, then the Clerk of the trial court is directed to reproduce a copy thereof for assigned counsel; and it is further,

ORDERED that upon service of a copy of this decision and order upon it, the Department of Probation is hereby authorized and directed to provide assigned counsel with a copy of the presentence report prepared in connection with the defendant's sentencing, including the recommendation sheet and any prior reports on the defendant which are incorporated or referred to in the report; and it is further,

ORDERED that in the event an issue as to the legality, propriety, or excessiveness of the sentence is raised on appeals, or if assigned counsel cites or relies upon the probation report in a brief or motion in any other way, counsel shall provide a complete copy of such report and any attachments to the court and the District Attorney's office prior to the filing of such brief or motion; and it is further,

ORDERED that pursuant to County Law § 722 the following named attorney is assigned as counsel to prosecute the appeals:

Robert C. Mitchell, Esq.
Legal Aid Society of Suffolk County - Appeals Bureau
Post Office Box 1697
Riverhead, New York 11901-3398

and it is further,

ORDERED that the appellant's time to perfect the appeals is enlarged; assigned counsel shall prosecute the appeals expeditiously in accordance with this court's rules (*see* 22 NYCRR 670.1, et seq.) and written directions; and it is further,

ORDERED that in the event the file has been sealed, it is hereby unsealed for the limited purpose of allowing assigned counsel or his representative access to the record for the purpose of preparing the appeals; such access shall include permission to copy the papers insofar as they pertain to the appellant; and it is further,

ORDERED that assigned counsel is directed to serve a copy of this order upon the Clerk of the court from which the appeals are taken.

PRUDENTI, P.J., MASTRO, RIVERA, SPOLZINO, and SKELOS, JJ., concur.

ENTER:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Edward Pelzer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

James Edward Pelzer
Clerk of the Court

Appellant's address:

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