

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND
FOR SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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STATE OF FLORIDA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

CASE NO.: 2012-001083-CFA

GEORGE ZIMMERMAN,

Defendant.

MOTION TO ALLOW TELEPHONIC TESTIMONY FROM FAMILY MEMBERS AT
DEFENDANT'S BOND HEARING

COMES NOW the Defendant, GEORGE ZIMMERMAN, by and through his undersigned counsel, and files this his Motion to Allow Telephonic Testimony from Family Members at Defendant's Bond Hearing, and as grounds therefore would state as follows:

1. On February 26, 2012, Mr. Zimmerman was involved in an incident that occurred in the area of 1950 Retreat View Circle, Sanford, Florida, which tragically ended with the death of Trayvon Martin.

2. On April 11, 2012, Mr. Zimmerman was arrested, and charged with the offense of Second Degree Murder in violation of *Florida Statute* Section 782.04, a first degree felony punishable by up to the maximum punishment of life in prison and a \$10,000.00 fine.

3. Mr. Zimmerman's case has been extensively documented and featured in television and print, both locally and nationally. It is unlikely that the interest by the media in this case will wane any time soon

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4. Mr. Zimmerman is currently being held on no bond at the Seminole County Jail in Sanford, Florida.

5. A Bond Hearing has been scheduled in this matter for April 20th, 2012 at 9:00 am.

6. Undersigned counsel is expecting to call members of Mr. Zimmerman's family to testify on his behalf at the above-noted bond hearing.

7. Due to the intense media interest in this case, undersigned counsel has a grave concern for the safety and well being of Mr. Zimmerman's family members who continue to receive death threats.

8. If Mr. Zimmerman's family members were to appear in person to testify at the above-noted bond hearing, it would create an unnecessary safety risk for these family members, not to mention the general public, the media, the Sheriff's office and court personnel.

9. The expected testimony elicited from these family members is such that the Office of the State Attorney would not be prejudiced in any manner if it was to be conducted telephonically instead of in person.


10. On April 18, 2012, undersigned counsel contacted the Office of the State Attorney and has confirmed that it has no objection to this Motion.

WHEREFORE, the Defendant respectfully requests this Honorable Court to enter its Order allowing telephonic testimony from family members at the Defendant's Bond Hearing.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished by U.S. Mail/Facsimile this 18th day of April, 2012 to Bernie de la Rionda, Assistant State Attorney and John Guy, Assistant State Attorney, Office of the State Attorney, 220 East Bay Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32202-3429.

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