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## HON. DAVID REES IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF MULTNOMAH STATE OF OREGON, No. 19CR53042 PLAINTIFF, JOSEPH GIBSON'S MOTION TO COMPEL VS. THE STATE OF OREGON JOSEPH GIBSON, TO FILE LIST OF WITNESSES DEFENDANT. **MOTION** 1 2 COMES NOW Joseph Gibson, by and through the Angus Lee Law Firm, PLLC, and moves 3 the Multnomah County Circuit Court for an order to compel the State of Oregon to immediately 4 file with the Clerk, and serve upon the defense, a list of the witnesses which the State of Oregon 5 intends to use at trial. ORS 135.815(1) 6 LAW 7 The State of Oregon is required to disclose to accused the names and address of persons whom the State of Oregon intends to call as witnesses at trial. 1 Criminal Law § 14.2-1(c) (OSB 8 9 Legal Pubs 2013). 10 the district attorney shall disclose to a represented defendant the following material and information within the possession or control of the district attorney: (a) The 11 names and addresses of persons whom the district attorney intends to call as 12 witnesses at any stage of the trial[.] 13 14 ORS 135.815.



"The policy underlying the right to criminal discovery is the same as that which the right to civil discovery supports." 12 Wash. Prac., Criminal Practice & Procedure § 1303 (3d ed.). In an adversarial system, the quest for truth is better served if the evidence of one party does not come as a surprise to the other party. Id. Thus, rules of discovery are designed to enhance the search for truth by giving the defendant notice of the evidence and to enable him to prepare his defense as well as to safeguard the state against surprise. Id. In order to provide adequate information for informed pleas, expedite trials, minimize surprise, afford opportunity for effective cross-examination, and meet the requirements of due process, pretrial discovery should be as full and free as possible. Id.

In addition to the rules of discovery, a separate and distinct constitutional obligation requires the prosecution to disclose evidence at trial or to the defense that is necessary to assure the accused a fair trial consistent with Fourteenth Amendment safeguards of due process. Id., § 1301. The Supreme Court has held that the constitutional guarantee of effective assistance of counsel includes the right to pretrial gathering of information. *Coleman v. Alabama*, 399 U.S. 1, 90 S.Ct. 1999, 26 L.Ed.2d 387 (1970). The Sixth Amendment confrontation clause, also incorporated by the Fourteenth Amendment, may be violated by a refusal to provide the defense with pretrial discovery. Id.<sup>1</sup>

## CONCLUSION

Mr. Gibson moves the Multnomah County Circuit Court for an order to compel the State of Oregon to file a list of the witnesses which the State of Oregon intends to use at trial so that Joseph Gibson can receive a fair trial.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Citing *Pointer v. Texas*, 380 U.S. 400, 85 S.Ct. 1065, 13 L.Ed.2d 923 (1965); *Douglas v. Alabama*, 380 U.S. 415, 85 S.Ct. 1074, 13 L.Ed.2d 934 (1965).

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