

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE 17TH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR
BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

STATE OF FLORIDA

v.

NIKOLAS CRUZ,
Defendant.

CASE NO.: 18-1958CF10A

JUDGE: SCHERER

MOTION TO WITHDRAW D-56

The Public Defender, pursuant to his duty under Sections 27.51 and 27.52 of the Florida Statutes, Rule 3.111(B) (4) of the Florida Rules of Criminal Procedure, to withdraw from this case, and as grounds states the following:

1. The Law Office of the Public Defender was appointed to represent the Defendant on April 23, 2018, upon this Court's review of the Clerk's determination of non-indigency.
2. It has come to the attention of undersigned counsel that Nikolas Cruz is a beneficiary in a MetLife life insurance policy and is entitled to half of a death benefit valued at \$864,929.17 as of April 23, 2019.
3. The Defendant and undersigned counsel were previously unaware of this entitlement.
4. The Law Office of the Public Defender is statutorily prohibited from representing a non-indigent defendant.

WHEREFORE, the Law Office of the Public Defender moves this Honorable Court to withdraw from this case.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished by e-service to State Attorney Michael J. Satz, Office of the State Attorney, at courtdocs@sao17.state.fl.us, Broward County Courthouse, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 24th day of April, 2019.

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