

AFFIDAVIT OF SINCERE RELIGIOUS BELIEF

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THURSTON COUNTY, NEBRASKA

STATE OF NEBRASKA,
Plaintiff,

v.

JASON KARIMI,
Defendant.

Case No: CR23-13

AFFIDAVIT OF JASON KARIMI

IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO MODIFY PROBATION CONDITION

STATE OF NEBRASKA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF THURSTON)

I, Jason Karimi, being first duly sworn upon oath, depose and state as follows:

1. My name is Jason Karimi. I am the Defendant in the above-captioned matter and I make this affidavit in support of my Motion to Modify Probation Condition pursuant to the Nebraska First Freedom Act.
2. I am over the age of 18 and competent to testify to the matters stated herein.
3. I am a sincere practitioner of the Rastafari faith.
4. Within the Rastafari religious tradition, cannabis (also known as ganja) is regarded as a sacred sacrament and a central element of religious worship and spiritual practice.
5. My use of cannabis is not recreational. It is undertaken solely as part of religious prayer, meditation, scriptural reflection, and spiritual observance.
6. My religious beliefs concerning the sacramental use of cannabis are genuine, longstanding, and deeply held.
7. I have practiced the Rastafari faith for many years, and my beliefs regarding cannabis are integral to my religious conscience.
8. Probation Condition #11, which categorically prohibits any use of marijuana or THC, directly conflicts with and substantially burdens my sincere religious exercise.

9. Because of this condition, I am forced to choose between compliance with probation and adherence to my sincerely held religious beliefs.
10. I seek only a narrowly tailored religious accommodation that would allow me to practice my faith while still complying with all legitimate public-safety and probationary requirements.
11. I do not seek permission to use cannabis in public, to drive while impaired, or to violate any other lawful conditions of supervision.
12. I am willing to comply with reasonable restrictions and safeguards designed to protect public safety, including limitations on location, timing, impairment, and testing, so long as my core religious practice is not categorically prohibited.
13. All statements made in my Motion to Modify Probation Condition regarding my religious beliefs and practices are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

Jason Karimi, Affiant

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Sioux Falls, SD [REDACTED]

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