

DISTRICT COURT, ARAPAHOE COUNTY, COLORADO		<p>DATE FILED August 7, 2025 1:39 PM</p> <p>⚠ COURT USE ONLY ⚠</p> <p>Case Number: 2023CR664 Division: 22 Courtroom:</p>
Court Address: 7325 S POTOMAC ST, CENTENNIAL, CO, 80112		
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO v. Defendant(s) JAMES TOLIVER CRAIG		
Order: MOTION TO APPOINT THE PUBLIC DEFENDERS OFFICE, PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS ON APPEAL AND TO APPOINT APPELLATE COUNSEL		

The motion/proposed order attached hereto: GRANTED.

Issue Date: 8/7/2025



SHAY KARA WHITAKER
District Court Judge

ARAPAHOE COUNTY, Colorado <input type="checkbox"/> County Ct. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District Ct. Court Address: 7325 S. Potomac St., Centennial, CO 80112 Phone Number: 303-649-6355	
People of the State of Colorado v. Defendant: JAMES CRAIG	COURT USE ONLY
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COMES NOW, James Craig, by and through his attorney, and MOVES this Court for an ORDER to proceed *in forma pauperis* on appeal and to appoint the Colorado State Public Defender’s Office as appellate counsel, consistent with C.A.R. 12(b) ¶ 2.

1. On July 30, 2025, a jury convicted Mr. Craig of Murder in the First Degree, Solicitation to Commit Tampering with Evidence, Solicitation of Murder in the First Degree, and Solicitation to Commit Perjury.
2. On July 30, 2025, this Court sentenced Mr. Craig to Life without parole and a total of 33 years to run consecutively to the Life sentence in the Department of Corrections.
3. Mr. Craig is requesting leave pursuant to Rule 37 of the Colorado Rules of Criminal Procedure to proceed on appeal in forma pauperis, without payment of filing fees or costs.
4. The Arapahoe District Court has previously determined Mr. Criag to be legally indigent and appointed the Colorado Public Defender’s Office. After a conflict arose, undersigned counsel was appointed as Alternate Defense Counsel.
5. Mr. Craig is now incarcerated in the Colorado State Department of Corrections. He requests that the Colorado Public Defender’s Office be reappointed to represent him and make a

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determination if a conflict of interest remains. Mr. Craig is without the funds or ability to generate funds to pursue an appeal.

6. Mr. Craig believes there are meritorious grounds for appellate review.

WHEREFORE, because Mr. Craig is indigent and indigency has been found by the Arapahoe District Court, Mr. Craig MOVES this Court for an ORDER to proceed *in forma pauperis* on appeal and to appoint the Public Defender's office, consistent with C.A.R. 12(b) ¶ 2.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Lisa Fine Moses

/s/ Ashley Whitham

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that on this 6th day of August, 2024, a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing was filed on Colorado E-Filing.

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