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SCWC-16-0000460 IN THE SUPREME COURT STATE OF HAWAII

STATE OF HAWAII,) Case No.: 3DTA-15-00745
Plaintiff-Appellee,)) MOTION TO SET ASIDE NOTICE OF
) SETTING FOR ORAL ARGUMENT
VS.) AND/OR MOTION)FOR) CLARIFICATION
CYRINA HEWITT,) CLARIFICATION
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Defendant-Appellant.) HONORABLE LISA GINOZA, Chief
) Judge; and
) HONORABLE KATHERINE G.
) LEONARD and
) HONORABLE KEITH K. HIRAOKA,
) Associate Judges
)

MOTION TO SET ASIDE NOTICE OF SETTING FOR ORAL ARGUMENT AND/OR MOTION FOR CLARIFICATION and DECLARATION OF COUNSEL

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MOTION TO SET ASIDE NOTICE OF SETTING FOR ORAL ARGUMENT AND/OR MOTION FOR CLARIFICATION

Defendant-Appellant-Petitioner CYRINA HEWITT, by and through her court-appointed counsel, the Office of the Public Defender, hereby requests this Honorable Court to set aside the Notice of Setting for Oral Argument and the oral argument and/or to clarify because on August 9, 2021, the District Court of the Third Circuit granted the State of Hawaii's motion for nolle prosequi dismissing the case with prejudice.

This request is brought pursuant to Rule 27 of the Hawaii Rules of Appellate Procedure and is based upon the Declaration of Counsel attached hereto.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawaii, August 24, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER JAMES S. TABE PUBLIC DEFENDER

BY: /s/ Taryn R. Tomasa

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DECLARATION OF COUNSEL

- 1. The Office of the Public Defender is the court-appointed counsel for Defendant-Appellant-Petitioner CYRINA HEWITT.
- 2. On February 16, 2021, the Intermediate Court of Appeals ("ICA") of the State of Hawaii issued its Opinion in CAAP-16-0000460, vacating the District Court of the Third Circuit's Judgment and Notice of Entry of Judgment, entered on May 7, 2016.
 - 3. The ICA filed the Judgment on Appeal on March 18, 2021.
 - 4. Hewitt filed Application for Writ of Certiorari on May 19, 2021.
- 5. On July 2, 2021, this Court filed Order Accepting Application for Writ of Certiorari ("Order").
- 6. On the same date, after the Court filed the Order, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Charles E. Murray contacted Counsel and extended a plea offer to dismiss the instant case with prejudice if Ms. Hewitt dismisses the appeal.
- 7. On July 9, 2021, Counsel filed Motion for Temporary Remand to the District Court of the Third Circuit, Kona Division ("the Motion") for purposes of accepting the plea offer.
- 8. On July 23, 2021, this Court filed Order granting the Motion, temporarily remanding the case for no more than 30 days. The Order further instructed that within 30 days of the Order, the clerk of the district court was to supplement the record on appeal with all document entered on temporary remand and "the case shall resume in the Supreme Court for such further proceedings as may be appropriate."
- 9. On August 9, 2021, the district court granted the State's Motion for Nolle Prosequi.
- 10. On August 16, 2021, the clerk of the district court filed the supplemental record on appeal which included the order granting the State's motion.
- 11. On August 24, 2021, this Court filed the Notice of Setting for Oral Argument.
- 12. Based on the foregoing, Counsel requests that this Court set aside the Notice of Setting for Oral Argument and the oral argument in light of the dismissal of the

case. In the alternative, Counsel requests clarification to effectuate the dismissal of the case in the Hawaii Supreme Court.

I, TARYN R. TOMASA, declare under penalty of law that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawaii, August 24, 2021.

/s/ Taryn R. Tomasa TARYN R. TOMASA