



## IN THE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS OF TEXAS

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NO. WR-83,593-01

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**EX PARTE JAMES THOMPSON, Applicant**

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**ON APPLICATION FOR A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS  
CAUSE NO. 13-CR-0498-B IN THE 117TH DISTRICT COURT  
FROM NUECES COUNTY**

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*Per curiam.*

### OPINION

Pursuant to the provisions of Article 11.07 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, the clerk of the trial court transmitted to this Court this application for a writ of habeas corpus. *Ex parte Young*, 418 S.W.2d 824, 826 (Tex. Crim. App. 1967). Applicant was convicted of three counts of aggravated sexual assault of a child and one count of indecency with a child, and was sentenced to life imprisonment for each count, with the sentence in Count 3 to run consecutively with the life sentences in Counts 1, 2 and 4. The Thirteenth Court of Appeals affirmed his conviction. *Thompson v. State*, No. 13-13-00558-CR (Tex. App. — Corpus Christi, August 14, 2014)(not designated for publication).

Applicant contends that his appellate counsel rendered ineffective assistance because counsel failed to timely notify Applicant that his conviction had been affirmed and failed to advise him of his right to petition *pro se* for discretionary review.

Appellate counsel filed an affidavit with the trial court. Based on that affidavit, the trial court has entered findings of fact and conclusions of law that appellate counsel failed to timely notify Applicant that his conviction had been affirmed and failed to advise him of his right to petition for discretionary review *pro se*. The trial court recommends that relief be granted. *Ex parte Wilson*, 956 S.W.2d 25 (Tex. Crim. App. 1997).

We find, therefore, that Applicant is entitled to the opportunity to file an out-of-time petition for discretionary review of the judgment of the Thirteenth Court of Appeals in Cause No. 13-13-00558-CR that affirmed his conviction in Cause No. 13-CR-0498-B from the 117th District Court of Nueces County. Applicant shall file his petition for discretionary review with this Court within 30 days of the date on which this Court's mandate issues.

Delivered: August 26, 2015  
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