

IN THE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS OF TEXAS

NO. WR-83,766-01

EX PARTE ERIC MOLINA, Applicant

ON APPLICATION FOR A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS CAUSE NO. 2011431388 IN THE 137TH DISTRICT COURT FROM LUBBOCK COUNTY

Per curiam.

<u>OPINION</u>

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 sexual assault and sentenced to twenty years' imprisonment. The Seventh Court of Appeals affirmed his conviction. *Molina v. State*, No. 07-12-00411-CR (Tex. App.–Amarillo 2014).

Applicant contends that his appellate counsel rendered ineffective assistance because counsel failed to timely notify Applicant that his conviction had been affirmed.

The mail records of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice shows that Applicant never received any legal mail for the time frame between when his appeal was affirmed and when the petition for discretionary review was due. Based on those records, the trial court has entered findings of fact and conclusions of law that Applicant was not notified that his conviction had been affirmed. The trial court recommends that relief be granted. *Ex parte Riley*, 193 S.W.3d 900 (Tex. Crim. App. 2003).

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 Seventh Court of Appeals in Cause No. 07-12-00411-CR that affirmed his conviction in Cause No. 2011431388 from the 137th District Court of Lubbock 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.

Applicant's remaining claims are dismissed. *Ex Parte Torres*, 943 S.W.2d 469 (Tex. Crim. App. 1997).

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