

IN THE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS OF TEXAS

NO. WR-86,438-01

EX PARTE ROXMAN CHRISTIAN CASTRO, Applicant

ON APPLICATION FOR A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS CAUSE NO. 1214826-A IN THE 351ST DISTRICT COURT FROM HARRIS COUNTY

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 capital murder and sentenced to life imprisonment without parole. The First Court of Appeals affirmed his conviction. *Castro v. State*, No. 01-13-00141-CR (Tex. App.—Houston [1st Dist.] Aug. 26, 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

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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 First Court of Appeals in Cause No. 01-13-00141-CR

that affirmed his conviction in Cause No. 121482601010 from the 351st District Court of Harris

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: March 29, 2017

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