



IN THE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS OF TEXAS

NO. WR-87,226-01

EX PARTE JUAN FRANCISCO MALDONADO, Applicant

**ON APPLICATION FOR A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS
CAUSE NO. 2011-CR-0096-A IN THE 197TH DISTRICT COURT
FROM WILLACY 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 possession of a controlled substance and sentenced to fifteen years' imprisonment. The Thirteenth Court of Appeals affirmed his conviction. *Maldonado v. State*, No. 13-12-00696-CR (Tex. App.—Corpus Christi-Edinburg, Oct. 9, 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.

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. 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. 13-12-00696-CR that affirmed his conviction in Cause No. 2011-CR-0096 from the 197th District Court of Willacy 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.

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