



IN THE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS OF TEXAS

NO. WR-14,041-27

EX PARTE DENNIS CLAY SHARPLESS, Applicant

**ON APPLICATION FOR A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS
CAUSE NO. F89-94718-MR IN THE 265TH DISTRICT COURT
FROM DALLAS COUNTY**

Per curiam.

ORDER

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 writ of habeas corpus. *Ex parte Young*, 418 S.W.2d 824, 826 (Tex. Crim. App. 1967). Applicant was convicted of retaliation and was sentenced to thirty-five years' imprisonment.

In his present application, Applicant challenges his conviction alleging ineffective assistance of trial counsel. This application, however, presents a more serious question. This Court's records reflect that Applicant has filed seven prior applications challenging this

conviction. It is obvious from the record that Applicant continues to raise issues that have been presented and rejected in previous applications or that should have been presented in previous applications. The writ of habeas corpus is not to be lightly or easily abused. *Sanders v. U.S.*, 373 U.S. 1 (1963); *Ex parte Carr*, 511 S.W.2d 523 (Tex. Crim. App. 1974). Because of his repetitive claims, we hold that Applicant's claims are barred from review under Article 11.07, § 4, and are waived and abandoned by his abuse of the writ. This application is dismissed.

Therefore, we instruct the Honorable Louise Pearson, Clerk of the Court of Criminal Appeals, not to accept or file the instant application for a writ of habeas corpus, or any future application attacking this conviction unless Applicant is able to show in such an application that any claims presented have not been raised previously and that they could not have been presented in a previous application for a writ of habeas corpus. *Ex parte Bilton*, 602 S.W.2d 534 (Tex. Crim. App. 1980).

A copy of this order shall be sent to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Correctional Institutions Division.

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