



**IN THE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS  
OF TEXAS**

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**NO. WR-45,609-18**

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**TRENT ALVON SMITH, Relator**

**v.**

**VAN ZANDT DISTRICT CLERK, Respondent**

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**ON APPLICATION FOR A WRIT OF MANDAMUS  
CAUSE NOS. 12,991, 12,992, 12,993, 12,994, 12,995, 12,996 & 12,997  
IN THE 294<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT  
FROM VAN ZANDT COUNTY**

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*Per curiam.*

**ORDER**

Relator has filed a motion for leave to file a writ of mandamus pursuant to the original jurisdiction of this Court. In it, he contends that, "on or about January 29, 2012," he presented applications for a writ of habeas corpus to the District Clerk to be filed in the 294<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court of Van Zandt County, and that the writ applications were never filed and assigned to the appropriate court.

In these circumstances, additional facts are needed. The Respondent, the District Clerk of Van Zandt County, is ordered to file a response, addressing whether they received writ applications from Relator on or about January 19, 2012, and, if so, whether they were duly filed and assigned to the District Court. If the District Clerk received writ applications from Relator and did not file them and assign them to the District Court, the District Clerk shall explain the legal rationale for failing to do so.

This motion for leave to file a writ of mandamus shall be held in abeyance until the respondent has submitted the appropriate response. Such response shall be submitted within 30 days of the date of this order.

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