



## IN THE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS OF TEXAS

NO. WR-78,016-01

EX PARTE JOHN ELTON CRAWFORD, Applicant

ON APPLICATION FOR A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS  
CAUSE NO. F-9204998-NR 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 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 was sentenced to life in prison. The Fifth Court of Appeals affirmed the conviction in an unpublished opinion. *John Elton Crawford v. State*, No. 05-93-00483-CR (Tex. App. – Dallas del. Dec. 21, 1994).

Applicant raises several claims in his writ application, including claims of ineffective assistance of trial and appellate counsel. He has alleged facts that, if true, might entitle him to relief. *Strickland v. Washington*, 466 U.S. 668 (1984); *Ex parte Patterson*, 993 S.W.2d 114, 115 (Tex.

Crim. App. 1999). There is no response from either counsel in the record provided to this Court, and there are no findings from the trial court. In these circumstances, additional facts are needed. As we held in *Ex parte Rodriguez*, 334 S.W.2d 294, 294 (Tex. Crim. App. 1960), the trial court is the appropriate forum for findings of fact.

The trial court shall order trial and appellate counsel to respond to Applicant's claims of ineffective assistance by explaining their representation of Applicant, including applicable strategy and tactical decisions. To obtain the response, the trial court may use any means set out in TEX. CODE CRIM. PROC. art. 11.07, § 3(d). If the trial court elects to hold a hearing, it shall determine whether Applicant is indigent. If Applicant is indigent and wishes to be represented by counsel, the trial court shall appoint an attorney to represent Applicant at the hearing. TEX. CODE CRIM. PROC. art. 26.04.

The trial court shall make findings of fact and conclusions of law regarding the claims raised in the writ application. The trial court may also make any other findings of fact and conclusions of law it deems relevant and appropriate to the disposition of Applicant's claim for habeas corpus relief.

This application will be held in abeyance until the trial court has resolved the fact issues. The issues shall be resolved within 90 days of this order. A supplemental transcript containing all affidavits and interrogatories or the transcription of the court reporter's notes from any hearing or deposition, along with the trial court's supplemental findings of fact and conclusions of law, shall be forwarded to this Court within 120 days of the date of this order. Any extensions of time shall be obtained from this Court.

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