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ALEXIS SANTOS *v.* COMMISSIONER
OF CORRECTION
(AC 40427)

Lavine, Sheldon and Bishop, Js.

Syllabus

The petitioner, who had been convicted of, inter alia, sexual assault in the first degree and risk of injury to a child, sought a writ of habeas corpus, claiming that his trial counsel had rendered ineffective assistance by failing to retain an expert witness to assist in his defense and by failing to present the testimony of certain fact witnesses. The habeas court rendered judgment denying the petition, concluding, inter alia, that the petitioner had failed to prove that his trial counsel's representation of him was deficient or that he was prejudiced by any aspect of her allegedly deficient performance. Thereafter, the habeas court granted the petition for certification to appeal, and the petitioner appealed to this court. *Held* that the judgment of the habeas court denying the petition for a writ of habeas corpus was affirmed; the habeas court having thoroughly addressed the arguments raised in this appeal, this court adopted the habeas court's well reasoned decision as a statement of the facts and the applicable law on the issues.

Argued September 25—officially released November 13, 2018

Procedural History

Amended petition for a writ of habeas corpus, brought to the Superior Court in the judicial district of Tolland and tried to the court, *Oliver, J.*; judgment denying the petition, from which the petitioner, on the granting of certification, appealed to this court. *Affirmed.*

James E. Mortimer, assigned counsel, for the appellant (petitioner).

Linda F. Currie-Zeffiro, assistant state's attorney, with whom, on the brief, were *Maureen Platt*, state's attorney, and *Eva B. Lenczewski*, supervisory assistant state's attorney, for the appellee (respondent).

Opinion

PER CURIAM. The petitioner, Alexis Santos, appeals from the judgment of the habeas court denying his petition for a writ of habeas corpus. On appeal, the petitioner claims that the habeas court improperly concluded that his trial counsel did not provide ineffective assistance by failing to retain an expert witness to assist in his defense and by failing to present the testimony of certain fact witnesses. We affirm the judgment of the habeas court.

The following procedural history, as set forth by the habeas court, is relevant to this appeal. “On September 24, 2012, in the Waterbury judicial district, in the matter of *State v. Santos*, Docket No. CR-11-401131, following a jury trial, the petitioner was convicted of four counts of sexual assault in the first degree in violation of General Statutes § 53a-70 (a) (2), four counts of risk of injury to a child in violation of General Statutes § 53-21 (a) (2) and one count of risk of injury to a child in violation of § 53-21 (a) (1). In docket number CR-11-402391, the petitioner was convicted of one count of sexual assault in the first degree, one count of risk of injury to a child in violation of § 53-21 (a) (2), one count of risk of injury to a child in violation of § 53-21 (a) (1) and one count of sexual assault in the fourth degree in violation of General Statutes § 53a-73a (a) (1) (A). On November 30, 2012, the trial court, *Crawford, J.*, sentenced the petitioner to a total effective term of twenty years of incarceration followed by twenty years of special parole.” This court affirmed the petitioner’s conviction. See *State v. Santos*, 148 Conn. App. 907, 86 A.3d 1099, cert. denied, 311 Conn. 944, 89 A.3d 351 (2014).

The petitioner thereafter initiated this matter by the filing of his petition for a writ of habeas corpus. In his operative petition, he claimed that his trial counsel, Tashun Bowden-Lewis, rendered ineffective assistance. Following an evidentiary hearing, the habeas court rejected the petitioner’s claims by way of a memorandum of decision filed April 5, 2017. The habeas court concluded that the petitioner had failed to prove that Bowden-Lewis’ representation of him was deficient or that he was prejudiced by any aspect of her allegedly deficient performance, and thus denied his petition for a writ of habeas corpus. On April 21, 2017, the habeas court granted the petitioner’s petition for certification to appeal.

On appeal, the petitioner claims that the habeas court erred in rejecting his claims of ineffective assistance of counsel. We have examined the record on appeal, the briefs and arguments of the parties, and conclude that the judgment of the habeas court should be affirmed. Because the habeas court thoroughly addressed the arguments raised in this appeal, we adopt its well reasoned decision as a statement of the facts

and the applicable law on the issues. See *Santos v. Commissioner of Correction*, Superior Court, judicial district of Tolland, Docket No. CV-14-4005961-S, (April 5, 2017) (reprinted at 186 Conn. App. , A.3d). Any further discussion by this court would serve no useful purpose. See, e.g., *Woodruff v. Hemingway*, 297 Conn. 317, 321, 2 A.3d 857 (2010); *Brander v. Stoddard*, 173 Conn. App. 730, 732, 164 A.3d 889, cert. denied, 327 Conn. 928, 171 A.3d 456 (2017).

The judgment is affirmed.
