UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CLEON NEAL JONES,

Petitioner,

v.

RAYMOND MADDEN, Warden,

Respondent.

Case No. ED CV 17-01288 SJO (AFM)

ORDER SUMMARILY DISMISSING HABEAS PETITION FOR LACK OF SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION

Petitioner is a prisoner currently incarcerated at a state prison facility in Imperial, California. On June 27, 2017, he filed a Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus by a Person in State Custody (28 U.S.C. § 2254) in this Court.

This Petition is petitioner's third habeas action in this Court challenging his 1996 criminal conviction in the San Bernardino County Superior Court. In the first action, Case No. ED CV 02-00910 ABC (CW), judgment was entered on May 27, 2010, denying the habeas petition and dismissing the action with prejudice. On February 29, 2012, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals denied a certificate of appealability.

In the second action, Case No. ED CV 17-01041 SJO (AFM), judgment was entered on June 5, 2017, summarily dismissing the petition as successive.

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In this third Petition, petitioner argues that his trial counsel and appellate counsel were ineffective for failing to object to the withholding of impeachment material in violation of *Brady v. Maryland*, 373 U.S. 83 (1963), and the use of an illegal confession in violation of *Miranda v. Arizona*, 384 U.S. 436 (1966). According to petitioner, ineffective assistance by his trial counsel and appellate counsel should excuse any procedural default of his underlying *Brady* and *Miranda* claims.

The Ninth Circuit has twice denied petitioner permission to file a successive habeas petition in the district court. In both applications, petitioner had requested permission to raise *Brady* and *Miranda* claims substantially similar to the underlying claims he purports to raise in this Petition. Petitioner's first application was denied on April 15, 2015, in Case No. 15-70327. Petitioner's second application was denied on February 16, 2017, in Case No. 16-72668, with an explanation from the Ninth Circuit rejecting the same procedural-default argument petitioner raises here.

The provisions of the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-132, 110 Stat. 1214) ("AEDPA") governing successive petitions apply to all successive habeas petitions filed after the effective date of the AEDPA on April 24, 1996, without regard to when the conviction was sustained or when the prior petition was filed. *See Cooper v. Calderon*, 274 F.3d 1270, 1272 (9th Cir. 2001); *United States v. Villa-Gomez*, 208 F.3d 1160, 1163-64 (9th Cir. 2000). Section 106 of the AEDPA, amended as 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b), reads in pertinent part as follows:

- (1) A claim presented in a second or successive habeas corpus application under section 2254 that was presented in a prior application shall be dismissed.
- (2) A claim presented in a second or successive habeas corpus application under section 2254 that was not presented in a prior

application shall be dismissed unless--

- (A) the applicant shows that the claim relies on a new rule of constitutional law, made retroactive to cases on collateral review by the Supreme Court, that was previously unavailable; or
- (B)(i) the factual predicate for the claim could not have been discovered previously through the exercise of due diligence; and
- (ii) the facts underlying the claim, if proven and viewed in light of the evidence as a whole, would be sufficient to establish by clear and convincing evidence that, but for constitutional error, no reasonable factfinder would have found the applicant guilty of the underlying offense.
- (3) (A) Before a second or successive application permitted by this section is filed in the district court, the applicant shall move in the appropriate court of appeals for an order authorizing the district court to consider the application.

The Petition now pending constitutes a successive petition challenging the same judgment of conviction as did the habeas petition in Case No. ED CV 02-00910, which was denied and dismissed with prejudice. *See, e.g., McNabb v. Yates*, 576 F.3d 1028, 1030 (9th Cir. 2009) (holding that dismissal of a habeas petition as time barred under 28 U.S.C. § 2244(d)(1) constitutes a disposition on the merits and renders a subsequent petition second or successive for purposes of 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b)). Thus, it was incumbent on petitioner under § 2244(b)(3)(A) to secure an order from the Ninth Circuit authorizing the District Court to consider that claim, prior to his filing of the instant Petition in the District Court. Petitioner's failure to secure authorization from the Ninth Circuit deprives the Court

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of subject matter jurisdiction. See Cooper, 274 F.3d at 1274. 1 IT THEREFORE IS ORDERED that this action is summarily dismissed 2 without prejudice, pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases in 3 4 the United States District Courts. LET JUDGMENT BE ENTERED ACCORDINGLY. 5 6 7 DATED: July 5, 2017 5. Jame Oters 8 9 S. JAMES OTERO UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 The Court does not construe the now pending Petition as having been "mistakenly" submitted in the District Court rather than the Court of Appeals. From all indications, 2.4 petitioner is well-aware of and has employed the procedures for filing an application in 25 the Court of Appeals to file a successive petition in the District Court. Accordingly, there is not a basis for referral to the Court of Appeals under Ninth Circuit Rule 22-3. If 26 petitioner wishes to file a successive petition in the District Court, he must first obtain authorization from the Court of Appeals via an application filed in the Court of Appeals 2.7

demonstrating his entitlement to such authorization. See Ninth Circuit Rule 22-3; 28

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U.S.C. § 2244(b)(3)(A).