

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

9	RASHEEN D. FAIRLY,	)	No. CV-F-10-1116 OWW
		)	(No. CR-F-95-5193 MDC)
10)	
		)	MEMORANDUM DECISION AND
11	Petitioner,	)	ORDER DEEMING PETITIONER'S
		)	PETITION FOR RELIEF FROM
12	vs.	)	JUDGMENT UNDER ALL WRITS ACT
		)	TO BE SECOND OR SUCCESSIVE
13		)	MOTION TO VACATE, SET ASIDE
	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	OR CORRECT SENTENCE PURSUANT
14		)	TO 28 U.S.C. § 2255,
		)	DISMISSING DEEMED SECTION
15	Respondent.	)	2255 MOTION FOR LACK OF
		)	JURISDICTION, AND DIRECTING
16		)	CLERK OF COURT TO ENTER
		)	JUDGMENT FOR RESPONDENT

On June 22, 2010, Petitioner Rasheen D. Fairly, proceeding *in pro per*, filed a "Writ for Relief from Judgment under the All Writs Act Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1651(a)." ¹

Petitioner is a federal inmate incarcerated at USP

¹For administrative reasons, Petitioner's petition was docketed as a petition for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241.

1 Victorville, Adelanto, California.

2 Petitioner was charged in this Court with conspiracy to
3 possess cocaine based with intent to distribute, possession of
4 cocaine base with intent to distribute, using a firearm in
5 connection with a drug trafficking offense, and with being a
6 felon in possession of a firearm. *United States v. Fairly, et*
7 *al.*, No. CR-F-95-5193 MDC, United States District Court for the
8 Eastern District of California. Following Petitioner's
9 arraignment, Respondent gave oral and written notice that it
10 intended to seek enhanced penalties based on Petitioner's prior
11 felony drug convictions for possession of cocaine for sale and
12 for transporting and distributing a non-narcotic controlled
13 substance. Petitioner was convicted of each charge and sentenced
14 to life imprisonment pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 851. Petitioner's
15 conviction and sentence were affirmed on appeal. See *United*
16 *States v. Candler, et al.*, 1998 WL 4727 (9th Cir., Jan. 8, 1998).

17 On October 15, 1998, Petitioner filed a motion to vacate his
18 sentence pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255 on the ground that defense
19 counsel was constitutionally ineffective because of the failure
20 to argue that Petitioner's 1990 conviction was not a qualifying
21 drug conviction for sentence enhancement under 21 U.S.C. §§ 841
22 and 851, because the substance involved was not a narcotic drug.
23 The Section 2255 motion was denied on December 14, 1998 and a
24 certificate of appealability was denied on March 3, 1999. The
25 Ninth Circuit denied a certificate of appealability on January
26 28, 2000.

1 On March 13, 2001, Petitioner filed a second Section 2255
2 motion and a motion for downward departure based on *Apprendi v.*
3 *New Jersey*, 530 U.S. 466 (2000). Petitioner's second Section
4 2255 motion was denied on November 26, 2001 and a certificate of
5 appealability was denied on February 4, 2002. The Ninth Circuit
6 denied a certificate of appealability on June 17, 2002.

7 In 2003, Petitioner petitioned for a writ of *coram nobis* in
8 the state trial court where the challenged conviction occurred,
9 presenting essentially the same claim asserted in his Section
10 2255 motions.² The state trial court denied the writ and, on
11 November 2, 2004, the California Court of Appeal affirmed the
12 denial in an unpublished opinion.

13 On January 8, 2005, Petitioner sought leave from the Ninth
14 Circuit to file another Section 2255 motion, asserting that
15 "newly discovered facts, presented in a state court opinion,"
16 *i.e.*, the California Court of Appeal decision noted immediately
17 above, "proved that petitioner was factually innocent of the
18 state" conviction he had challenged earlier as being invalid. On
19 May 12, 2005, the Ninth Circuit denied leave to file a third
20 Section 2255 motion.

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22 ²The Court may take judicial notice of matters of public
23 record, including duly recorded documents, and court records
24 available to the public through the PACER system via the internet.
25 See Fed. R. Evid. Rule 201(b); *United States v. Howard*, 381 F.3d
26 873, 876, fn.1 (9th Cir. 2004). The Court takes judicial notice of
the Report and Recommendation of United States Magistrate Judge
filed on June 4, 2008 in *Fairly v. United States*, No. CV-08-03471
JVS (RZ), United States District Court for the Central District of
California, which Report and Recommendation was adopted by Order
filed on July, 2, 2008.

1 On August 31, 2005, Petitioner filed a petition for writ of
2 habeas corpus in the United States District Court for the Central
3 District of California, asserting that relief under Section 2241
4 was available because Petitioner had not had one "unobstructed
5 procedural shot" at presenting his claim. *Fairly v. Norwood*, No.
6 CV-05-6458 JVS (RZ). In the Report and Recommendation to deny
7 Petitioner's Section 2241 petition filed on July 10, 2006, the
8 Central District ruled that Petitioner was not entitled to
9 proceed pursuant to Section 2241 because he had not satisfied the
10 "escape hatch" to Section 2255's exclusivity provision:

11 Here, opening the 'escape hatch' is
12 unwarranted. First, contrary to his
13 assertions here, Petitioner does not rely on
14 newly-discovered evidence of actual
15 innocence. He points to the California Court
16 of Appeal's 'new' statement, in its 2004
17 opinion affirming the denial of *coram nobis*
 relief, that indeed Petitioner did plead
 guilty to a crime despite the absence of a
 factual basis for that particular crime. But
 as that court explained, such is a
 distinction without a difference because
 Petitioner knowingly accepted the plea deal:

18 Fairly [claims] the judgment should
19 be vacated because, while Fairly
20 represented the substance as
21 cocaine, the crime to which he pled
 guilty, section 11382, does not
 prohibit the sale or attempted sale
 of cocaine.

22 Section 11382 criminalizes the sale
23 or the offer to sell substances
24 listed [in certain schedules and
25 statutes]. The People concede that
26 cocaine is not included in any of
 these lists. Section 11352, on the
 other hand, criminalizes the sale
 of or the offer to sell various
 controlled substances, including

1 cocaine base and its derivatives.

2 When a defendant is prosecuted for
3 offering to sell a controlled
4 substance, both sections 11382 and
5 11352 require the specific intent
6 to sell the controlled substance.
7 [Citations.] [The California
8 Supreme Court has] held that when
9 the defendant did not intend to
10 sell a controlled substance, but
11 instead delivered a substitute
12 substance, he or she could not be
13 convicted of violating section
14 11352 because the specific intent
15 to sell the controlled substance is
16 missing. [The same state supreme
17 court decision] also noted that
18 when a defendant offers to sell a
19 controlled substance, but instead
20 intends to, or actually does,
21 substitute a non-narcotic, the
22 behavior is criminalized by section
23 11355. [Citation.]

24 It is unclear why the prosecution
25 amended count one to reflect a
26 violation of section 11382 before
27 taking Fairly's plea. Perhaps the
28 substance Fairly attempted to sell
29 did not contain cocaine, but it did
30 contain some other substance
31 included within section 11382's
32 definition of controlled
33 substances. It is also possible
34 that the parties, realizing that
35 the substance delivered would not
36 support a section 11352
37 prosecution, simply misstated the
38 statute that should have been
39 charged.

40 It is clear that Fairly accepted an
41 attractive plea agreement and did
42 not complain or voice any concern
43 when the charge was amended to a
44 violation of section 11382. It is
45 also clear that the penalty for
46 violating [the correct section,]
47 section 11355[,] was the same as
48 the penalty for violating section

1 11382. Both statutes required
2 imprisonment in county jail for one
3 year, or in state prison.
4 Violation of either statute is a
5 felony. [Citation.]

6 It is also clear that this error
7 does not meet the requirements for
8 *coram nobis* relief. First, because
9 the plea agreement did not specify
10 the punishment to be imposed, the
11 trial court was not required to
12 establish a factual basis for the
13 plea. [Citation.] This is
14 significant because Fairly is, in
15 essence, claiming there was not a
16 factual basis for his plea.

17 Second, Fairly has not presented
18 any new facts that would justify
19 granting his petition. The facts
20 on which this motion is based are
21 Fairly's offer to sell cocaine and
22 the subsequent testing that
23 revealed the substance was not
24 cocaine, and apparently not a
25 controlled substance. The record
26 establishes that all parties were
aware of these facts at the time
the trial court accepted Fairly's
plea

If error occurred, it was legal
error. Fairly's counsel could have
pointed out that the facts of the
case should have resulted in a
charge that Fairly violated section
11355, not section 11382. We
cannot conclude, however, that
Fairly's counsel was ineffective
because there may have been other
tactical issues that led to the
decision to plead guilty to
violating section 11382, including
permitting Fairly to receive a
suspended sentence and enter a drug
rehabilitation program.

Fairly claims that his trial
counsel failed to explain
adequately the charge to which he

1 pled guilty. There does not appear
2 to be any possible benefit to
3 Fairly, however, to such a
4 discussion because a refusal to
5 plead to a section 11382 violation
6 simply would have resulted in an
7 amendment of the complaint to
8 [allege] a section 11352 violation.
9 He does not challenge the conduct
10 that resulted in his conviction.

11 Finally, even if we assume that a
12 factual error occurred, Fairly has
13 not established that the facts on
14 which he relies were not known to
15 him and could not have been
16 discovered by him through the
17 exercise of reasonable diligence in
18 a more timely manner. Fairly's
19 argument is essentially that no one
20 told him that he pled guilty to the
21 wrong crime. The statutes and
22 cases have at all times remained
23 available for review. That he did
24 not do so, or did not feel the need
25 to do so, until he was convicted of
26 another crime and received an
 enhanced sentence as a result of
 this conviction is not the type of
 delay permitted when seeking *coram*
 nobis relief.

17 Ex. M to Pet'n at 5-7. Petitioner's
18 assertions that the California Court of
19 Appeal's concession that 'he pled guilty to
20 the wrong crime' supplies 'new evidence' of
21 his actual innocence lack merit. (If the
22 Ninth Circuit had believed otherwise, it
23 could have granted Petitioner's 2005 request
24 for leave to file a third § 2255 motion.
25 Even if he did, it would be incumbent upon
26 him to obtain the Ninth Circuit's leave for
 doing so before proceeding - and in the
 Eastern District rather than this district.

24 Petitioner strenuously argues that he is one
25 of the rare prisoners who should obtain §
26 2241 'escape hatch' review of a claim of
 factual innocence because he never had even
 one 'unobstructed procedural shot' at
 presenting such a claim. See *Lorentsen*, 223

1 F.3d at 954. Such is plainly incorrect.
2 Petitioner has had many 'unobstructed
3 procedural shots' at presenting his claims,
4 which are based on long-known facts and
5 unchanged law. He presented his current
6 claim (1) to the Eastern District of
7 California in 1998 and 2001; (2) to the Ninth
8 Circuit after each rejection in the Eastern
9 District, and again in 2005 in seeking leave
10 to file a third § 2255 motion; and (3) to the
11 California courts on *coram nobis*. Those
12 courts rejected his current claim on its
13 merits. Thus, the 'escape hatch' remains
14 closed. The Court should dismiss the action
15 without prejudice to Petitioner's pursuit of
16 his claims in the Eastern District or the
17 Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

18 Judge Selna of the Central District adopted this Report and
19 Recommendation on August 16, 2006 and entered judgment dismissing
20 Petitioner's 2005 Section 2241 petition. Petitioner sought to
21 appeal but both the Central District and the Ninth Circuit denied
22 certificates of appealability.

23 On November 7, 2006, Petitioner filed a "Motion to Challenge
24 the Validity of a Prior Conviction Pursuant to 21 U.S.C. §
25 851(c)(2), On the Basis of Good Cause," in the Eastern District
26 of California, *Fairly v. United States*, No. CV-F-06-1588 OWW/MMW
HC. Petitioner's motion was docketed as a petition for writ of
habeas corpus pursuant to Section 2241. The United States moved
to dismiss the deemed Section 2241 petition for lack of
jurisdiction, contending that, because Petitioner attacks his
underlying conviction and sentence, rather than the
implementation of his sentence, Petitioner's motion must be
construed as a successive Section 2255 motion for which
Petitioner must obtain prior authorization from the Ninth

1 Circuit. By Order filed on February 13, 2008, the Court, unaware
2 of the 2006 proceedings in the Central District, ruled:

3 Respondent argues that to the extent that he
4 relies solely on the prohibition against
5 successive petitions, Petitioner is not
6 entitled to utilize the § 2255 savings
7 clause. However, Petitioner does not rely on
8 that prohibition to justify proceeding under
9 § 2241. Rather, Petitioner argues
10 extensively that he has made the necessary
11 showing of actual innocence and the lack of
an earlier opportunity to raise his claim so
as to demonstrate that § 2255 is inadequate
or ineffective in his case. Respondent, who
did not file a reply to Petitioner's
opposition, has not addressed that argument.
Accordingly, the court finds that Respondent
has not demonstrated that Petitioner may not
properly proceed in this action under § 2241.

12 Respondent moved for reconsideration on the ground, contending
13 *inter alia*, that this Court lacks jurisdiction to hear
14 Petitioner's Section 2241 motion. The Court agreed, ruling:

15 Petitioner was convicted and sentenced by
16 this Court, the United States District Court
for the Eastern District of California, in
17 No. CR-F-95-5193 OWW. At the time Petitioner
filed this deemed petition for writ of habeas
18 corpus pursuant to Section 2241, Petitioner
was serving his federal sentence at USP
19 Victorville, in Adelanto, California, located
in the Central District of California.

20 In *Hernandez v. Campbell*, 204 F.3d 861 (9th
21 Cir.2000), the Ninth Circuit held:

22 Generally, motions to contest the
23 legality of a sentence must be
24 filed under § 2255 in the
sentencing court, while petitions
that challenge the manner,
25 location, or conditions of a
sentence's execution must be
26 brought pursuant to § 2241 in the
custodial court

1 Under the savings clause of § 2255,
2 however, a federal prisoner may
3 file a habeas corpus petition
4 pursuant to § 2241 to contest the
5 legality of a sentence where his
6 remedy under § 2255 is 'inadequate
7 or ineffective to test the legality
8 of his detention.'

9 An inquiry into whether a § 2241
10 petition is proper under these
11 circumstances is critical to the
12 determination of district court
13 jurisdiction, because the proper
14 district for filing a habeas
15 petition depends upon whether the
16 petition is filed pursuant to §
17 2241 or § 2255. In particular, a
18 habeas petition filed pursuant to §
19 2241 must be heard in the custodial
20 court ..., even if the § 2241
21 petition contests the legality of a
22 sentence by falling under the
23 savings clause ... On the other
24 hand, § 2255 motions must be heard
25 in the sentencing court

26 Thus, in order to determine whether
jurisdiction is proper, a court
must first determine whether a
habeas petition is filed pursuant
to § 2241 or § 2255 before
proceeding to any other issue. If
Hernandez's petition falls under
the savings clause so as to be a
petition pursuant to § 2241, then
only the [custodial court] has
jurisdiction. If the savings
clause does not come into play,
however, then Hernandez's petition
must be construed as a petition
under § 2255, such that
jurisdiction lies only in the
[sentencing court].

204 F.3d at 865.

Because this Court has deemed Petitioner's
motion to be a Section 2241 motion pursuant
to Section 2255's savings clause, this Court
does not have jurisdiction to consider the

merits of the Section 2241 motion;
jurisdiction lies in the Central District of
California, which is the custodial court.

Petitioner's Section 2241 motion was then transferred to the
Central District and assigned Case No. CV-F-08-3471 JVS (RZ).
The Central District, relying on collateral estoppel, ruled that
the "escape hatch" or "savings clause" does not apply to allow
Petitioner to proceed pursuant to Section 2241:

The current situation satisfies the tests for
collateral estoppel. First, the same two
parties, namely Rasheen Fairly and the United
States, either *per se* or as a real party in
interest, opposed each other in Petitioner's
2005 action in this District. Second, they
actually litigated whether Petitioner could
collaterally attack his 1990 conviction in a
§ 2241 habeas action (by qualifying for the
'savings clause' of § 2255), among other
issues. Third, this Court's determination
that Petitioner could not validly do so was
'a critical and necessary part of the
judgment' to dismiss the 2005 action.
Accordingly, Petitioner was and is estopped
from collaterally attacking that
determination here, in the Eastern District,
or in any other trial court. (It is not
relevant that this Court's 2006 dismissal
judgment was 'without prejudice' and did not
reach the merits of Petitioner's innocence-
based challenge to his 1990 conviction. What
matters is that this Court *did* reach the
merits of the 'savings clause' issue. See
Offshore Sportswear, 114 F.3d at 850-851
(party that suffered a dismissal without
prejudice in federal district court, based on
a forum selection clause, could not re-
litigate the forum selection clause issue in
another trial court, even though the merits
of the parties' underlying dispute were not
decided in the first dismissal).)

The United States Attorney in the Eastern
District should have been aware of this
Court's 2006 rejection of the 'savings
clause' eligibility for Petitioner and should

1 have brought that rejection to Judge Wanger's
2 attention. Judge Wanger may well have ruled
3 differently if he had been made aware of that
4 ruling. Unfortunately, he was not. But
5 Petitioner nevertheless may not benefit by
6 proceeding in this Court in direct
7 contravention of this Court's own 2006
8 rulings.

9 ...

10 Petitioner has filed essentially the same
11 petition that he filed in 2005. It remains
12 infirm for the same reasons, excerpted above,
13 that underlay its dismissal in 2006.

14 Petitioner appealed the dismissal of his Section 2241 petition to
15 the Ninth Circuit. The Ninth Circuit affirmed the Central
16 District's dismissal on collateral estoppel grounds. See *Fairly*
17 *v. United States*, 2010 WL 1274235 (9th Cir., April 5, 2010).

18 A federal prisoner who wishes to challenge the validity or
19 constitutionality of his conviction or sentence must do so by way
20 of a motion to vacate, set aside or correct sentence pursuant to
21 28 U.S.C. § 2255. *Tripati v. Henman*, 843 F.2d 1160, 1162 (9th
22 Cir.1988). A federal prisoner may not collaterally attack a
23 federal conviction or sentence by way of a petition for writ of
24 habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241, *Grady v. United*
25 *States*, 929 F.2d 468, 470 (9th Cir.1991), unless he can show that
26 the remedy available under Section 2255 is "inadequate or
ineffective to test the validity of his detention." *Hernandez v.*
Campbell, 204 F.3d 861, 864-865 (9th Cir.2000). The AEDPA's
filing limitations on successive Section 2255 motions does not
render the remedy available under Section 2255 inadequate or
ineffective. *Moore v. Reno*, 185 F.3d 1054, 1055 (9th Cir.1999).

1 In *Ivy v. Pontesso*, 325 F.3d 1037 (9th Cir. 2003), the Ninth
2 Circuit held that a petitioner raising a claim of "actual
3 innocence" who is otherwise procedurally barred from raising that
4 claim under Section 2255 may seek relief pursuant to Section 2241

5 when the petitioner claims to be: (1) legally
6 innocent of the crime for which he has been
7 convicted; and (2) has never had an
8 'unobstructed procedural shot' at presenting
9 this claim. ... In other words, it is not
enough that the petitioner is presently
barred from raising his claim of innocence my
motion under § 2255. He must never have had
the opportunity to raise it by motion.

10 325 F.3d at 1060. Similarly, Petitioner cannot avoid the
11 procedural limitations of Section 2255 by invoking the All Writs
12 Act. "[T]he common law writs survive only to the extent that
13 they fill 'gaps' in the current system of postconviction relief."
14 *United States v. Valdez-Pacheco*, 237 F.3d 1077, 1079 (9th
15 Cir.2001):

16 Other circuits have concluded that *audita*
17 *querela* is not available to challenge a
18 conviction or sentence when the prisoner's
19 contentions could otherwise be raised in a
20 motion pursuant to § 2255 ... We agree with
21 our sister circuits and conclude that a
22 federal prisoner may not challenge a
conviction or sentence by way of a petition
for a writ of *audita querela* when that
challenge is cognizable under § 2255 because,
in such a case there is no 'gap' to fill in
the postconviction remedies.

23 Moreover, we reject Valdez's contention that
24 *audita querela* is available in his case due
25 to the fact that he is precluded from raising
26 his claims in a § 2255 motion by those
provisions of the [AEDPA] that limit the
rights of a prisoner to file a second or
successive motion. A prisoner may not
circumvent valid congressional limitations on

1 collateral attacks by asserting that those
2 very limitations create a gap in the
3 postconviction remedies that must be filled
4 by the common law writs.

5 *Id.* at 1079-1080.

6 Petitioner attempts to evade the prohibition against second
7 or successive Section 2255 motions in the absence of prior
8 authorization by the Ninth Circuit by bringing his petition under
9 the All Writs Act. Petitioner asserts:

10 [T]he court must issue the Writ for Relief
11 From Judgment under the All Writs Act
12 pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1651(a) to avoid an
13 unconstitutional suspension of the writ of
14 habeas corpus pursuant to U.S. Constitution
15 art. 1, § 9, Cl. 2, and to avoid an Eighth
16 Amendment constitutional violation of cruel
17 and unusual punishment.

18 Petitioner contends that his instant petition is not a second or
19 successive Section 2255 motion. Petitioner cites *Hill v. State*
20 *of Alaska*, 297 F.3d 895, 897-898 (9th Cir.2002):

21 AEDPA does not define the terms 'second or
22 successive.' The Supreme Court, the Ninth
23 Circuit, and our sister circuits have
24 interpreted the concept incorporated in this
25 term of art as derivative of the 'abuse-of-
26 the-writ' doctrine developed in pre-AEDPA
cases

27 Petitioner asserts that his instant petition is not a second or
28 successive petition under an abuse of the writ analysis because
29 his petition "supplements a constitutional claim with a colorable
30 showing of factual innocence that would not be dismissed as an
31 abuse of the writ." Petitioner argues:

32 [T]o ... foreclose review in this case with
33 the AEDPA's second or successive limitations
34 pursuant to § 2244(b) and § 2255(h) would not

1 promote the AEDPA's goal of curbing abuses of
2 the writ and finality, comity, and
3 conservation of scarce judicial resources of
4 the habeas process, but rather the AEDPA
5 limitations would bar habeas review of
6 Petitioner's meritorious factual innocence
7 claim completely under the strict rules of
8 res judicata, which would undoubtedly fall
9 outside the compass of the abuse of the writ
10 doctrine as well as run afoul of the AEDPA's
11 provisions itself.

12 ...

13 [C]onsistent with Supreme Court's [sic]
14 precedent and the overwhelming weight of
15 authority it is constitutionally incumbent
16 upon the court to not literally interpret the
17 second or successive provisions to encompass
18 Petitioner's Writ for Relief from Judgment,
19 so that the merits of Petitioner's factual
20 innocence claim is given judicial review
21 under habeas corpus in obviation of
22 potentially disastrous procedural bars
23 inevitably equating to an unconstitutional
24 application of the strict rules of res
25 judicata into habeas corpus and thereby
26 fending off an assault against the abuse of
the writ, the AEDPA, and the U.S.
Constitution.

Petitioner relies on *Felker v. Turpin*, 518 U.S. 651 (1996),
Lonchar v. Thomas, 517 U.S. 314 (1996), and *Herrera v. Collins*,
506 U.S. 390 (1993), in arguing:

[I]f the limitations of the AEDPA fell out
side the compass of the abuse of the writ
doctrine it would deprive Petitioner of his
constitutional right under the Suspension
Clause to the privilege of the writ of habeas
corpus and in turn violate Petitioner's
Eighth Amendment constitutional right not to
be punished for a crime for which he is
factually innocent.

Petitioner's reliance on these cases is misplaced. In
Felker, the Supreme Court held:

1 The new restriction on successive petitions
2 constitute a modified res judicata rule, a
3 restraint on what is called in habeas corpus
4 practice 'abuse of the writ.' In *McCleskey*
5 *v. Zant*, 499 U.S. 476 ... (1991), we said
6 that 'the doctrine of abuse of the writ
7 refers to a complex and evolving body of
8 equitable principles informed and controlled
9 by historical usage, statutory developments,
10 and judicial decisions.' *Id.* at 489 ... The
11 added restrictions which the [AEDPA] places
12 on second habeas petitions are well within
13 the compass of this evolutionary process, and
14 we hold that they do not amount to a
15 'suspension' of the writ contrary to Article
16 I, § 9.

17 518 U.S. at 664.

18 In *Lonchar*, the Supreme Court held that a Court of Appeals
19 could not dismiss a state prisoner's first federal petition for
20 writ of habeas corpus for special ad hoc equitable reasons not
21 encompassed within the relevant statutes, the Federal Habeas
22 Corpus Rules, or prior precedents.

23 In *Herrera v. Collins*, a state prisoner whose conviction of
24 capital murder and sentence of death had been affirmed by the
25 state court of appeals and who had been denied habeas corpus by
26 the state court, sought federal habeas corpus relief. The
27 Supreme Court held that a claim of actual innocence based on
28 newly discovered evidence is not a ground for federal habeas
29 relief.

30 Petitioner also cites *I.N.S. v. St. Cyr*, 533 U.S. 289
31 (2001), as "providing valuable guidance on how courts should
32 proceed under the circumstances similar to the instant case."

33 In *St. Cyr*, the Supreme Court addressed the AEDPA and the

1 Illegal Immigration Report and Immigrant Responsibility Act of
2 1996 (IIRIRA), which provided that federal courts lacked
3 jurisdiction to review final orders of removal for aggravated
4 felons. The Supreme Court held that a writ of habeas corpus
5 under Section 2241 was necessary to avoid implicating the
6 Suspension Clause because a regime precluding any judicial review
7 of pure questions of law could be constitutionally suspect under
8 the Suspension Clause.

9 None of these cases support Petitioner's contention that the
10 instant petition is not a second or successive Section 2255
11 motion. Petitioner's claim concerning his 1990 state court
12 conviction has been addressed on the merits by both the Eastern
13 District and the Central District. Petitioner has had multiple
14 opportunities to raise these claims. The fact that he has not
15 succeeded does not change these facts. No exception to the
16 requirement that a second or successive Section 2255 motion must
17 be authorized by the Ninth Circuit is shown. That Court has
18 refused to authorize a Certificate of Appealability on three at
19 least separate successive petitions and has declined to authorize
20 a second or successive petition. Petitioner's claim for relief
21 is not one that could not have been brought up earlier as a
22 matter of law, *see Panetti v. Quarterman*, 531 U.S. 930 (2007), it
23 is not a claim where his prior motions were not considered on the
24 merits, *see Slack v. McDaniel*, 529 U.S. 473 (2000), and it is not
25 a challenge to a later failure to grant mandatory parole, *see*
26 *Hill v. Alaska*, 297 F.3d 895 (9th Cir.2002).

Because Petitioner's petition is a second or successive motion for relief pursuant to Section 2255, Petitioner must first obtain an order from the Ninth Circuit to proceed with his petition. The requirement that he obtain such an order is jurisdictional. *Burton v. Stewart*, 549 U.S. 147 (2007). If a petitioner does not first obtain authorization from the Court of Appeal, the district court lacks jurisdiction to consider the second or successive application. *United States v. Lopez*, 577 F.3d 1053, 1061 (9th Cir.2009), *cert. denied*, 130 S.Ct. 1718 (2010).

CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated:

1. Petitioner's Petition for "Writ for Relief from Judgment under the All Writs Act Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1651(a)" is deemed to be a second or successive motion for relief pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255;

2. Petitioner's deemed second or successive motion for relief pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255 is DISMISSED FOR LACK OF JURISDICTION;

3. The Clerk of the Court is directed to enter JUDGMENT FOR RESPONDENT.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: June 28, 2010

/s/ Oliver W. Wanger
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE