

PETITION UNDER 28 U.S.C. § 2254 FOR WRIT OF
HABEAS CORPUS BY A PERSON IN STATE CUSTODY

(If petitioner is attacking a judgment which imposed a sentence to be served in the future, petitioner must fill in the name of the state where the judgment was entered. If petitioner seeks to attack a sentence to be served in the future under a federal judgment, petitioner should file a motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 in the federal court that entered the judgment.)

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Instructions - Read Carefully

- (1) This petition must be legibly handwritten or typewritten and signed by the petitioner under penalty of perjury. Any false statement of a material fact may serve as the basis for prosecution and conviction for perjury. All questions must be answered concisely in the proper space on the form.
- (2) Additional pages are not permitted except with respect to the facts which you rely upon to support your grounds for relief. No citation of authorities need be furnished. If briefs or oral arguments are submitted, they should be submitted in the form of a separate memorandum.
- (3) Upon receipt of a filing fee of \$5.00 your petition will be filed if it is in proper order.
- (4) If you do not have the necessary funds for transcripts, counsel, appeal, and other costs connected with this petition, you may request permission to proceed in forma pauperis, in which event you must complete and execute the Application to Proceed In Forma Pauperis by a Prisoner appended to this petition. You must have a prison or jail official complete the Certification section on the back of the application. If you submit an incomplete application, your request to proceed in forma pauperis will be denied.
- (5) Only judgments entered by one court may be challenged in a single petition. If you seek to challenge judgments entered by different courts either in the same state or in different states, you must file separate petitions as to each court.
- (6) You must include all grounds for relief and all facts supporting such grounds for relief in the petition you file seeking relief from any judgment of conviction.
- (7) When the petition is fully completed, mail the original and at least two copies to:

Clerk of the U.S. District Court
for the Eastern District of California
501 I Street, Room 4-400
Sacramento, California 95814

- (8) Once the petition is filed, the court will review it and decide whether to order service of the petition on the respondent(s). You will be sent a copy of any order the court issues. Because of the large volume of cases filed by inmates pending in this court, the court WILL NOT ANSWER INQUIRIES concerning the status of your petition.

You must keep the Clerk of the Court informed of any change of address. If you fail to do so, the Clerk cannot be responsible for your failure to receive Court orders. This could result in the dismissal of your suit.

Please be advised that the court does not provide copies of documents to litigants. Copies of any volume may be obtained from Attorney's Diversified Services (ADS): 1424 21st Street, Sacramento, California 95814. Their phone number is 916-441-4396. We will, however, provide copies of the dockets at the rate of fifty cents (\$0.50) per page. Checks in the exact amount are made payable to "Clerk, USDC." In forma pauperis status does not waive the cost of copies. Therefore you must keep copies of all documents submitted to the court for your own records.

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United States District Court		District _____
Name _____	Prisoner No. _____	Case No. _____
Place of Confinement _____		
Name of Petitioner (include name under which convicted) _____		Name of Respondent (authorized person having custody of petitioner) _____
v.		
The Attorney General of the State of: _____		
PETITION		
1. Name and location of court which entered the judgment of conviction under attack _____		
2. Date of judgment of conviction _____		
3. Length of sentence _____		
4. Nature of offense involved (all counts) _____		
5. What was your plea? (Check one)		
(a) Not guilty <input type="checkbox"/>		
(b) Guilty <input type="checkbox"/>		
(c) Nolo contendere <input type="checkbox"/>		
If you entered a guilty plea to one count or indictment, and a not guilty plea to another count or indictment, give details:		

6. If you pleaded not guilty, what kind of trial did you have? (Check one)		
(a) Jury <input type="checkbox"/>		
(b) Judge only <input type="checkbox"/>		
7. Did you testify at the trial?		
Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
8. Did you appeal from the judgment of conviction?		
Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		

9. If you did appeal, answer the following:

(a) Name of court _____

(b) Result _____

(c) Date of result and citation, if known _____

(d) Grounds raised _____

(e) If you sought further review of the decision on appeal by a higher state court, please answer the following:

(1) Name of court _____

(2) Result _____

(3) Date of result and citation, if known _____

(4) Grounds raised _____

(f) If you filed a petition for certiorari in the United States Supreme Court, please answer the following with respect to each direct appeal:

(1) Name of court _____

(2) Result _____

(3) Date of result and citation, if known _____

(4) Grounds raised _____

10. Other than a direct appeal from the judgment of conviction and sentence, have you previously filed any petitions, applications, or motions with respect to this judgment in any court, state or federal?

Yes No

11. If your answer to 10 was "yes," give the following

information:

(a) (1) Name of court _____

(2) Nature of proceeding _____

(3) Grounds raised _____

(4) Did you receive an evidentiary hearing on your petition, application or motion?

Yes No

(5) Result _____

(6) Date of result _____

(b) As to any second petition, application or motion give the same information:

(1) Name of court _____

(2) Nature of proceeding _____

(3) Grounds raised _____

(4) Did you receive an evidentiary hearing on your petition, application or motion?

Yes No

(5) Result _____

(6) Date of result _____

(c) Did you appeal to the highest state court having jurisdiction the result of action taken on any petition, application or motion?

(1) First petition, etc. Yes No

(2) Second petition, Yes No

(d) If you did *not* appeal from the adverse action on any petition, application or motion, explain briefly why you did not:

12. State *concisely* every ground on which you claim that you are being held unlawfully. Summarize *briefly* the facts supporting each ground. If necessary, you may attach pages stating additional grounds and *facts* supporting same.

CAUTION: In order to proceed in the federal court, you must ordinarily first exhaust your available state court remedies as to each ground on which you request action by the federal court. If you fail to set forth all grounds in this petition, you may be barred from presenting additional grounds at a later date.

For your information, the following is a list of the most frequently raised grounds for relief in habeas corpus proceedings. Each statement preceded by a letter constitutes a separate ground for possible relief. You may raise any grounds which you may have other than those listed if you have exhausted your state court remedies with respect to them. However, you should raise in this petition all available grounds (relating to this conviction) on which you base your allegations that you are being held in custody unlawfully.

Do not check any of these listed grounds. If you select one or more of these grounds for relief, you must allege facts. The petition will be returned to you if you merely check (a) through (j) or any one of these grounds.

- (a) Conviction obtained by plea of guilty which was unlawfully induced or not made voluntarily with understanding of the nature of the charge and the consequences of the plea.
- (b) Conviction obtained by use of coerced confession.
- (c) Conviction obtained by use of evidence gained pursuant to an unconstitutional search and seizure.
- (d) Conviction obtained by use of evidence obtained pursuant to an unlawful arrest.
- (e) Conviction obtained by a violation of the privilege against self-incrimination.
- (f) Conviction obtained by the unconstitutional failure of the prosecution to disclose to the defendant evidence favorable to the defendant.
- (g) Conviction obtained by a violation of the protection against double jeopardy.
- (h) Conviction obtained by action of a grand or petit jury which was unconstitutionally selected and impaneled.
- (i) Denial of effective assistance of counsel.
- (j) Denial of right of appeal.

A. Ground one: _____

Supporting FACTS (state *briefly* without citing cases or law) _____

B. Ground two: _____

Supporting FACTS (state *briefly* without citing cases or law): _____

C. Ground three: _____

Supporting FACTS (state *briefly* without citing cases or law): _____

D. Ground four: _____

Supporting FACTS (state *briefly* without citing cases or law): _____

13. If any of the grounds listed in 12A, B, C, and D were not previously presented in any other court, state or federal, state *briefly* what grounds were not so presented, and give your reasons for not presenting them: _____

14. Do you have any petition or appeal now pending in any court, either state or federal, as to the judgment under attack?
Yes No

15. Give the name and address, if known, of each attorney who represented you in the following stages of the judgment attacked herein:

(a) At preliminary hearing _____

(b) At arraignment and plea _____

(c) At trial _____

(d) At sentencing _____

(e) On appeal _____

(f) In any post-conviction proceeding _____

(g) On appeal from any adverse ruling in a post-conviction proceeding _____

16. Were you sentenced on more than one count of an indictment, or on more than one indictment, in the same court and at the same time?

Yes No

17. Do you have any future sentence to serve after you complete the sentence imposed by the judgment under attack?

Yes No

(a) If so, give name and location of court which imposed sentence to be served in the future: _____

(b) Give date and length of the above sentence: _____

(c) Have you filed, or do you contemplate filing, any petition attacking the judgment which imposed the sentence to be served in the future?

Yes No

Wherefore, petitioner prays that the Court grant petitioner relief to which he may be entitled in this proceeding.

Signature of Attorney (if any)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed

(date)

Signature of Petitioner