

1 Who to Name as Respondent

2 You must name the person in whose actual custody you are. This usually means the Warden or
3 jailor. Do not name the State of California, a city, a county or the superior court of the county in which
4 you are imprisoned or by whom you were convicted and sentenced. These are not proper
5 respondents.

6 If you are not presently in custody pursuant to the state judgment against which you seek relief
7 but may be subject to such custody in the future (e.g., detainees), you must name the person in whose
8 custody you are now and the Attorney General of the state in which the judgment you seek to attack
9 was entered.

10 A. INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR CONVICTION AND SENTENCE

11 1. What sentence are you challenging in this petition?

12 (a) Name and location of court that imposed sentence (for example; Alameda
13 County Superior Court, Oakland):

14 _____
15 Court Location

16 (b) Case number, if known _____

17 (c) Date and terms of sentence _____

18 (d) Are you now in custody serving this term? (Custody means being in jail, on
19 parole or probation, etc.) Yes _____ No _____

20 Where?

21 Name of Institution: _____

22 Address: _____

23 2. For what crime were you given this sentence? (If your petition challenges a sentence for
24 more than one crime, list each crime separately using Penal Code numbers if known. If you are
25 challenging more than one sentence, you should file a different petition for each sentence.)

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3. Did you have any of the following?

Arrestment: Yes _____ No _____
Preliminary Hearing: Yes _____ No _____
Motion to Suppress: Yes _____ No _____

4. How did you plead?

Guilty _____ Not Guilty _____ Nolo Contendere _____
Any other plea (specify) _____

5. If you went to trial, what kind of trial did you have?

Jury _____ Judge alone _____ Judge alone on a transcript _____

6. Did you testify at your trial? Yes _____ No _____

7. Did you have an attorney at the following proceedings:

(a) Arrestment Yes _____ No _____
(b) Preliminary hearing Yes _____ No _____
(c) Time of plea Yes _____ No _____
(d) Trial Yes _____ No _____
(e) Sentencing Yes _____ No _____
(f) Appeal Yes _____ No _____
(g) Other post-conviction proceeding Yes _____ No _____

8. Did you appeal your conviction? Yes _____ No _____

(a) If you did, to what court(s) did you appeal?
Court of Appeal Yes _____ No _____
Year: _____ Result: _____
Supreme Court of California Yes _____ No _____
Year: _____ Result: _____
Any other court Yes _____ No _____
Year: _____ Result: _____

(b) If you appealed, were the grounds the same as those that you are raising in this

1 petition? Yes ____ No ____

2 (c) Was there an opinion? Yes ____ No ____

3 (d) Did you seek permission to file a late appeal under Rule 31(a)?

4 Yes ____ No ____

5 If you did, give the name of the court and the result:

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8 9. Other than appeals, have you previously filed any petitions, applications or motions with respect to
9 this conviction in any court, state or federal? Yes ____ No ____

10 [Note: If you previously filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus in federal court that
11 challenged the same conviction you are challenging now and if that petition was denied or dismissed
12 with prejudice, you must first file a motion in the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
13 for an order authorizing the district court to consider this petition. You may not file a second or
14 subsequent federal habeas petition without first obtaining such an order from the Ninth Circuit. 28
15 U.S.C. §§ 2244(b).]

16 (a) If you sought relief in any proceeding other than an appeal, answer the following
17 questions for each proceeding. Attach extra paper if you need more space.

18 I. Name of Court: _____

19 Type of Proceeding: _____

20 Grounds raised (Be brief but specific):

21 a. _____

22 b. _____

23 c. _____

24 d. _____

25 Result: _____ Date of Result: _____

26 II. Name of Court: _____

27 Type of Proceeding: _____

28 Grounds raised (Be brief but specific):

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III. Name of Court: _____
Type of Proceeding: _____
Grounds raised (Be brief but specific):
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Result: _____ Date of Result: _____

IV. Name of Court: _____
Type of Proceeding: _____
Grounds raised (Be brief but specific):
a. _____
b. _____
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d. _____
Result: _____ Date of Result: _____

(b) Is any petition, appeal or other post-conviction proceeding now pending in any court?
Yes _____ No _____

Name and location of court: _____

B. GROUNDS FOR RELIEF

State briefly every reason that you believe you are being confined unlawfully. Give facts to support each claim. For example, what legal right or privilege were you denied? What happened? Who made the error? Avoid legal arguments with numerous case citations. Attach extra paper if you

1 need more space. Answer the same questions for each claim.

2 [Note: You must present ALL your claims in your first federal habeas petition. Subsequent
3 petitions may be dismissed without review on the merits. 28 U.S.C. §§ 2244(b); McCleskey v. Zant,
4 499 U.S. 467, 111 S. Ct. 1454, 113 L. Ed. 2d 517 (1991).]

5 Claim One: _____

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7 Supporting Facts: _____

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11 Claim Two: _____

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13 Supporting Facts: _____

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17 Claim Three: _____

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19 Supporting Facts: _____

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23 If any of these grounds was not previously presented to any other court, state briefly which
24 grounds were not presented and why:

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1 List, by name and citation only, any cases that you think are close factually to yours so that they
2 are an example of the error you believe occurred in your case. Do not discuss the holding or reasoning
3 of these cases:

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7 Do you have an attorney for this petition? Yes_____ No_____

8 If you do, give the name and address of your attorney:

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10 WHEREFORE, petitioner prays that the Court grant petitioner relief to which s/he may be entitled in
11 this proceeding. I verify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

12 Executed on _____

13 Date

Signature of Petitioner

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