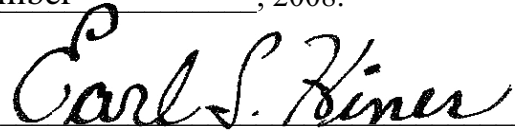


the exercise of its discretion and in furtherance of justice may transfer the application to the other district court for hearing and determination.” *Id.*

Petitioner is currently confined at the Stiles Unit in Jefferson County. Therefore, this court has jurisdiction to entertain the petition. However, petitioner was convicted and sentenced in Montgomery County, which is located in the Houston Division of the Southern District of Texas. The court has considered the circumstances and has determined that the interest of justice would best be served if this petition were transferred to the district where petitioner was convicted and sentenced. Therefore, the petition should be transferred to the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas for hearing and determination. An order transferring the case will be entered by the undersigned.

SIGNED this 24 day of November, 2008.



EARL S. HINES
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE