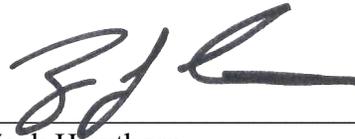


in his criminal conviction.¹ Petitioner filed this petition in the Beaumont Division of the Eastern District of Texas where he is currently housed.

Conclusion

The Court has considered the circumstances underlying the particular facts of this case and has determined that the interests of justice would be served by transferring this petition to the division where petitioner was convicted. Therefore, the petition should be transferred to the Galveston Division of the Southern District of Texas for hearing and determination. An order transferring the case will be entered by the undersigned.

SIGNED this 7th day of May, 2013.



Zack Hawthorn
United States Magistrate Judge

¹Attached to his petition, petitioner provided a letter from the District Attorney's Office for Fort Bend County, Texas. In this letter, the District Attorney for Fort Bend County notified petitioner of an investigation involving the forensic scientist who analyzed the evidence in petitioner's underlying criminal trial. An investigation by the Texas Department of Public Safety revealed evidence of misconduct by this forensic scientist in a separate criminal matter.