

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
TEXARKANA DIVISION

RICHARD L. JONES §  
VS. § CIVIL ACTION NO. 5:08cv173  
DIRECTOR, TDCJ-CID §

MEMORANDUM OPINION REGARDING VENUE

Petitioner Richard L. Jones, an inmate confined in the Stiles Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Correctional Institutions Division, filed this petition for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254.

Discussion

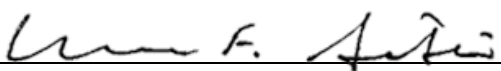
In 2007, petitioner was convicted of a criminal offense in the 155th District Court of Fayette County, Texas. He was sentenced to 8 years imprisonment.

Petitioner filed this petition for writ of habeas corpus in the district in which he is currently confined. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241(d), a petitioner may bring his petition for writ of habeas corpus in the district in which he was convicted or the district in which he is incarcerated. Section 2241(d) further provides that the district court in the exercise of its discretion may transfer the action to the other district in the furtherance of justice.

Petitioner was convicted in Fayette County, Texas. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 124, Fayette County is in Houston Division of the Southern District of Texas. As all records and witnesses involving this action may be located in the Southern District, the transfer of this action to such district would further justice.

Accordingly, this case should be transferred to the Houston Division of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas. A Transfer Order shall be entered in accordance with this Memorandum Opinion.

**SIGNED** this 8 day of October, 2008.

  
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KEITH F. GIBLIN  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE