

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS**

**AUSTIN DIVISION**

**JAIME LUEVANO #9340134  
El Paso County Inmate**

**V.**

**GOVERNOR RICK PERRY and  
TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL  
G. ABBOTT**

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**A-10-CA-355-LY**

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

To: The Honorable Lee Yeakel, United States District Judge

The Magistrate Judge submits this Report and Recommendation to the District Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §636(b) and Rule 1(f) of Appendix C of the Local Court Rules of the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, Local Rules for the Assignment of Duties to United States Magistrates, as amended, effective December 1, 2002.

Before the Court is Petitioner’s Application for Writ of Mandamus. Petitioner, proceeding pro se, has been granted leave to proceed in forma pauperis.

**STATEMENT OF THE CASE**

At the time he filed his Application for Writ of Mandamus, Petitioner was confined in the El Paso County Detention Facility. Petitioner requests a writ of mandamus to compel Governor

Perry to rule on clemency. Petitioner claims he is innocent and complains his federal application for writ of habeas corpus filed in Cause No. EP-10-CV-128 was denied as moot.<sup>1</sup>

### DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Although the writ of mandamus was abolished by Fed. R. Civ. P. 81(b), federal courts may issue all writs necessary or appropriate in aid of their respective jurisdictions and agreeable to the usages and principles of law. 28 U.S.C. § 1651. Actions in the nature of mandamus are provided for in 28 U.S.C. § 1361, which states as follows:

The district courts shall have original jurisdiction of any action in the nature of mandamus to compel an officer or employee of the United States or any agency thereof to perform a duty owed to the plaintiff.

The federal district courts do not have jurisdiction to issue the writ against a state actor or agency. See generally Moyer v. Clerk, DeKalb County Superior Court, 474 F.2d 1275 (5th Cir. 1973); accord, Noble v. Cain, 123 Fed. Appx. 151 (5th Cir. Feb.16, 2005) (not selected for publication in the Federal Reporter) (available on WESTLAW at 2005 WL 361818) (citing Moyer to hold that mandamus relief is not available to federal courts to direct state officials in the performance of their duties and function). As such, mandamus relief is not available to compel or direct the actions of state officials or other non-federal employees. Davis v. Lansing, 851 F.2d 72, 74 (2d Cir. 1988); Gurley v. Superior Court of Mecklenburg County, 411 F.2d 586, 587 (4th Cir. 1969). Thus, Petitioner's request for mandamus relief cannot be granted, because he seeks issuance of the writ against state actors.

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<sup>1</sup> Petitioner's application was actually dismissed on April 15, 2010, for failure to exhaust his state court remedies.

RECOMMENDATION

It is therefore recommended that Petitioner's Application for Writ of Mandamus be dismissed without prejudice for want of jurisdiction.

OBJECTIONS

Within 14 days after receipt of the magistrate judge's report, any party may serve and file written objections to the findings and recommendations of the magistrate judge. 28 U.S.C. § 636 (b)(1)(C). Failure to file written objections to the proposed findings and recommendations contained within this report within ten days after service shall bar an aggrieved party from de novo review by the district court of the proposed findings and recommendations and from appellate review of factual findings accepted or adopted by the district court except on grounds of plain error or manifest injustice. Douglass v. United Servs. Auto. Assoc., 79 F.3d 1415 (5th Cir. 1996)(en banc); Thomas v. Arn, 474 U.S. 140, 148 (1985); Rodriguez v. Bowen, 857 F.2d 275, 276-277 (5th Cir. 1988).

To the extent that a party has not been served by the Clerk with this Report and Recommendation electronically, pursuant to the CM/ECF procedures of this District, the Clerk is ORDERED to mail such party a copy of this Report and Recommendation by certified mail, return receipt requested.

SIGNED this 1st day of June, 2010.



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ROBERT PITMAN  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE