

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
Richmond Division**

ADIB EDDIE RAMEZ MAKDESSI,

Petitioner,

v.

Civil Action No. **3:12CV171**

HAROLD W. CLARKE, et al.,

Respondents.

MEMORANDUM OPINION

Adib Eddie Ramez Makdessi, a Virginia inmate proceeding *pro se*, submitted this 28 U.S.C. § 2254 petition. Makdessi challenges his convictions in the Circuit Court for the City of Virginia Beach. The Court previously denied another 28 U.S.C. § 2254 petition by Makdessi challenging these convictions. *See Makdessi v. Watson*, 682 F. Supp. 2d 633, 657 (E.D. Va. 2010).

The Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996 restricted the jurisdiction of the district courts to hear second or successive applications for federal habeas corpus relief by prisoners attacking the validity of their convictions and sentences by establishing a “gatekeeping mechanism.” *Felker v. Turpin*, 518 U.S. 651, 657 (1996) (internal quotation marks omitted). Specifically, “[b]efore a second or successive application permitted by this section is filed in the district court, the applicant shall move in the appropriate court of appeals for an order authorizing the district court to consider the application.” 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b)(3)(A). The Court has not received authorization

