



IN THE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS OF TEXAS

NO. WR-91,786-01

EX PARTE DONALD LEONARD TOUCHET, Applicant

**ON APPLICATION FOR A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS
CAUSE NO. 15-21899-A IN THE CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT
FROM JEFFERSON COUNTY**

Per curiam. SLAUGHTER, J. filed a concurring opinion.

OPINION

Applicant was convicted of indecency with a child and sentenced to eighteen years' imprisonment. The Thirteenth Court of Appeals affirmed his conviction. *Touchet v. State*, No. 13-17-00393-CR (Tex. App.—Corpus Christi-Edinburg July 15, 2018)(not designated for publication). Applicant filed this application for a writ of habeas corpus in the county of conviction, and the district clerk forwarded it to this Court. *See* TEX. CODE CRIM. PROC. art. 11.07.

Applicant contends that appellate counsel failed to timely inform Applicant that his conviction had been affirmed and advise him of his right to file a *pro se* petition for discretionary review. Based on the record, the trial court has determined that appellate counsel's performance was deficient and that Applicant would have timely filed a petition for discretionary review but for

counsel's deficient performance.

Relief is granted. *Ex parte Wilson*, 956 S.W.2d 25 (Tex. Crim. App. 1997); *Ex parte Crow*, 180 S.W.3d 135 (Tex. Crim. App. 2005). Applicant may file an out-of-time petition for discretionary review of the judgment of the Thirteenth Court of Appeals in cause number 13-17-00393-CR. Should Applicant decide to file a petition for discretionary review, he must file it with this Court within thirty days from the date of this Court's mandate.

Applicant's remaining claims are dismissed. *Ex Parte Torres*, 943 S.W.2d 469 (Tex. Crim. App. 1997). Copies of this opinion shall be sent to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice–Correctional Institutions Division and the Board of Pardons and Paroles.

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