

PETITION FOR A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS UNDER 28 U.S.C. § 2241

Instructions

- Who Should Use This Form.** You should use this form if
 - you are a federal prisoner and you wish to challenge the way your sentence is being carried out (*for example, you claim that the Bureau of Prisons miscalculated your sentence or failed to properly award good time credits*);
 - you are in federal or state custody because of something other than a judgment of conviction (*for example, you are in pretrial detention or are awaiting extradition*); or
 - you are alleging that you are illegally detained in immigration custody.
- Who Should Not Use This Form.** You should not use this form if
 - you are challenging the validity of a federal judgment of conviction and sentence (*these challenges are generally raised in a motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255*);
 - you are challenging the validity of a state judgment of conviction and sentence (*these challenges are generally raised in a petition under 28 U.S.C. § 2254*); or
 - you are challenging a final order of removal in an immigration case (*these challenges are generally raised in a petition for review directly with a United States Court of Appeals*).
- Preparing the Petition.** The petition must be typed or neatly written, and you must sign and date it under penalty of perjury. You must tell the truth and sign the form. **A false statement may lead to prosecution.** No notary is required. Petitions which do not conform to these instructions may be returned.

All questions must be answered clearly and concisely in the space on the form. Additional pages are not permitted except with respect to the **facts** which you rely upon to support your grounds for relief. **You do not need to cite law.** If you want to submit arguments, you must file a separate memorandum. All filings must be submitted on paper sized 8½ by 11 inches. **Do not use the back of any page.**

- Supporting Documents.** In addition to your petition, you must send to the court a copy of the decisions you are challenging and a copy of any briefs or administrative remedy forms filed in your case.
- Required Filing Fee. You must pay a filing fee of \$5.** If the fee is paid, your petition will be filed. If you cannot pay the fee, you may ask to proceed *in forma pauperis* (as a poor person). To do that, you must submit a written motion (a form is available from the Clerk's Office). Also you must submit a certificate signed by an officer at the institution where you are confined showing the amount of money the institution is holding for you.
- Submitting Documents to the Court:** When you have completed the form, send the original and one copy (for your records), along with the \$5 filing fee (or your motion to proceed *in forma pauperis*), to the Clerk of Court at either address (or submit to prison library staff if you are at an institution that participates in the electronic filing program):

**United States District Court
Southern District of Illinois
P. O. Box 249
East St. Louis, IL 62202**

**United States District Court
Southern District of Illinois
301 S. Main Street
Benton, IL 62812**

- Change of Address.** You must notify the Court in writing of your new address within 7 days after a transfer or other change in address occurs. Failure to do so may result in dismissal of your case.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Southern District of Illinois

Petitioner)
(the name under which you were convicted))
v.) Case Number:
)
Respondent)
(authorized person having custody of Petitioner))

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Personal Information

1. (a) Your full name: _____
(b) Other names you have used: _____
2. Place of confinement:
(a) Name of institution: _____
(b) Address: _____

- (c) Your identification number: _____
3. Are you currently being held on orders by:
 Federal authorities State authorities Other - explain:

4. Are you currently:
 A pretrial detainee (waiting for trial on criminal charges)
 Serving a sentence (incarceration, parole, probation, etc.) after having been convicted of a crime
If you are currently serving a sentence, provide:
(a) Name and location of court that sentenced _____

(b) Docket number of criminal case: _____
(c) Date of sentencing: _____
- Being held on an immigration charge
 Other (*explain*): _____

Decision or Action You Are Challenging

5. What are you challenging in this petition:
 How your sentence is being carried out, calculated, or credited by prison or parole authorities (for example, revocation or calculation of good time credits)

- Pretrial detention
- Immigration detention
- Detainer
- The validity of your conviction or sentence as imposed (for example, sentence beyond the statutory maximum or improperly calculated under the sentencing guidelines)
- Disciplinary proceedings
- Other (*explain*): _____

6. Provide more information about the decision or action you are challenging:

(a) Name and location of the agency or court: _____

(b) Docket number, case number, or opinion number: _____

(c) Decision or action you are challenging (*for disciplinary proceedings, specify the penalties imposed*):

(d) Date of the decision or action: _____

Your Earlier Challenges of the Decision or Action

7. **First appeal**

Did you appeal the decision, file a grievance, or seek an administrative remedy?

- Yes No

(a) If “Yes,” provide:

(1) Name of the authority, agency, or court: _____

(2) Date of filing: _____

(3) Docket number, case number, or opinion number: _____

(4) Result: _____

(5) Date of result: _____

(6) Issues raised: _____

(b) If you answered “No,” explain why you did not _____

8. **Second appeal**

After the first appeal, did you file a second appeal to a higher authority, agency, or court?

Yes No

(a) If "Yes," provide:

(1) Name of the authority, agency, or court: _____

(2) Date of filing: _____

(3) Docket number, case number, or opinion number: _____

(4) Result: _____

(5) Date of result: _____

(6) Issues raised: _____

(b) If you answered "No," explain why you did not file a second appeal: _____

9. **Third appeal**

After the second appeal, did you file a third appeal to a higher authority, agency, or court?

Yes No

(a) If "Yes," provide:

(1) Name of the authority, agency, or court: _____

(2) Date of filing: _____

(3) Docket number, case number, or opinion number: _____

(4) Result: _____

(5) Date of result: _____

(6) Issues raised: _____

(b) If you answered "No," explain why you did not file a third appeal: _____

10. **Motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255**

In this petition, are you challenging the validity of your conviction or sentence as imposed?

Yes No

If “Yes,” answer the following:

(a) Have you already filed a motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 that challenged this conviction or sentence?

Yes No

If “Yes,” provide:

(1) Name of court: _____

(2) Case number: _____

(3) Date of filing: _____

(4) Result: _____

(5) Date of result: _____

(6) Issues raised: _____

(b) Have you ever filed a motion in a United States Court of Appeals under 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b)(3)(A), seeking permission to file a second or successive Section 2255 motion to challenge this conviction or sentence?

Yes No

If “Yes,” provide:

(1) Name of court: _____

(2) Case number: _____

(3) Date of filing: _____

(4) Result: _____

(5) Date of result: _____

(6) Issues raised: _____

(c) Explain why the remedy under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 is inadequate or ineffective to challenge your conviction or sentence: _____

11. **Appeals of immigration proceedings**

Does this case concern immigration proceedings?

- Yes No

If "Yes," provide:

- (a) Date you were taken into immigration custody: _____
(b) Date of the removal or reinstatement order: _____
(c) Did you file an appeal with the Board of Immigration Appeals?

- Yes No

If "Yes," provide:

- (1) Date of filing: _____
(2) Case number: _____
(3) Result: _____
(4) Date of result: _____
(5) Issues raised: _____

- (d) Did you appeal the decision to the United States Court of Appeals?

- Yes No

If "Yes," provide:

- (1) Name of court: _____
(2) Date of filing: _____
(3) Case number: _____
(4) Result: _____
(5) Date of result: _____
(6) Issues raised: _____

12. **Other appeals**

Other than the appeals you listed above, have you filed any other petition, application, or motion about the issues raised in this petition?

Yes No

If "Yes," provide:

(a) Kind of petition, motion, or application: _____

(b) Name of the authority, agency, or court: _____

(c) Date of filing: _____

(d) Docket number, case number, or opinion number: _____

(e) Result: _____

(f) Date of result: _____

(g) Issues raised: _____

Grounds for Your Challenge in This Petition

13. State every ground (reason) that supports your claim that you are being held in violation of the Constitution, laws, or treaties of the United States. Attach additional pages if you have more than four grounds. State the facts supporting each ground.

GROUND ONE: _____

(a) Supporting facts (*Be brief. Do not cite cases or law.*):

(b) Did you present Ground One in all appeals that were available to you?

Yes No

GROUND TWO: _____

(a) Supporting facts *(Be brief. Do not cite cases or law.):*

(b) Did you present Ground Two in all appeals that were available to you?

Yes No

GROUND THREE: _____

(a) Supporting facts *(Be brief. Do not cite cases or law.):*

(b) Did you present Ground Three in all appeals that were available to you?

Yes No

GROUND FOUR: _____

(a) Supporting facts *(Be brief. Do not cite cases or law.):*

Declaration Under Penalty Of Perjury

If you are incarcerated, on what date did you place this petition in the prison mail system:

I declare under penalty of perjury that I am the petitioner, I have read this petition or had it read to me, and the information in this petition is true and correct. I understand that a false statement of a material fact may serve as the basis for prosecution for perjury.

Date: _____

Signature of Petitioner

Signature of Attorney or other authorized person, if any