

**PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS
PURSUANT TO 28 U.S.C. § 2254**

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA**

_____, Petitioner,
Name, include name under which you were
convicted; prison number; and place of confinement.

-vs-

_____, Respondent.
Name of Warden, Superintendent, Jailer, or
authorized person having custody of petitioner.

Petition

1. Name and county of court which entered the judgment of conviction under attack _____
2. Date of judgment of conviction _____
3. Length of sentence _____ Sentencing Judge _____
4. Name of offense(s) for which you were convicted (list all counts): _____

5. What was your plea? (Check one)
(a) Guilty
(b) Not Guilty
(c) Nolo contendere
If you entered a guilty plea to one count or indictment, and a not guilty plea to another count or indictment, give details: _____

6. Kind of trial? (If you did not plead guilty, Check one)
(a) Jury
(b) Judge Only
7. Did you testify at the trial? Yes No
8. Did you file a motion for a new trial? Yes No

- (a) If so, did the trial court hold a hearing on your motion? Yes No
- (b) What was the result? _____
- (c) Date of result? _____

9. Did you appeal from the judgment of conviction? Yes No

10. If you did appeal, answer the following:

- (a) Name of appellate court to which you appealed _____
- (b) Result of appeal _____
- (c) Date of result _____
- (d) If your appeal was to the Georgia Court of Appeals, did you file a petition for a writ of certiorari with the Supreme Court of Georgia?
Yes No

- (i) If so, what was the result _____
- (ii) Date of result _____
- (e) Did you petition for a writ of certiorari with the United States Supreme Court? _____
Result and date of result _____

11. Other than a direct appeal from the judgment of conviction and sentence or a motion for a new trial, have you previously filed any petitions, applications, or motions with respect to this conviction in any state or federal court?
Yes No

12. If your answer to 11 was "yes," give the following information. (If more than three petitions, please provide the following information on a separate sheet of paper).

- (a) (1) Name of court and case number _____
- (2) Date that you filed petition or motion _____
- (3) Nature of proceeding _____
- (4) All grounds raised (attach extra sheet if necessary) _____

- (5) Did you receive an evidentiary hearing on your petition, application or motion?
Yes No
- (6) Name of judge _____
- (7) Result _____

(8) Date of Result _____

(9) Did you appeal this result? Yes No

(10) If you did appeal,
Which court heard your appeal? _____

What was the result of the appeal? _____

Date of result _____

(11) If you did not appeal from the denial of relief, explain briefly why you did not.

(b) As to any second petition, application, or motion, give the same information:

(1) Name of court and case number _____

(2) Date that you filed petition or motion _____

(3) Nature of proceeding _____

(4) All grounds raised (attach extra sheet if necessary) _____

(5) Did you receive an evidentiary hearing on your petition, application or motion?

Yes No

(6) Name of judge _____

(7) Result _____

(8) Date of Result _____

(9) Did you appeal this result?

Yes No

(10) If you did appeal,
Which court heard your appeal? _____

What was the result of the appeal? _____

Date of result _____

(11) If you did not appeal from the denial of relief, explain briefly why you did not.

(c) As to any third petition, application, or motion, give the same information:

(1) Name of court and case number _____

(2) Date that you filed petition or motion _____

(3) Nature of proceeding _____

(4) All grounds raised (attach extra sheet if necessary) _____

(5) Did you receive an evidentiary hearing on your petition, application or motion?

Yes No

(6) Name of judge _____

(7) Result _____

(8) Date of Result _____

(9) Did you appeal this result?

Yes No

(10) If you did appeal,
Which court heard your appeal? _____

What was the result of the appeal? _____

Date of result _____

(11) If you did not appeal from the denial of relief, explain briefly why you did not.

13. Is any petition, application, motion, or appeal relating to your conviction or sentence currently pending before any court or other tribunal? (In other words, have you filed a motion, petition, or appeal where the court has not issued a final ruling?)

Yes No

If you answered yes, provide:

The name of the court _____

The case number _____

Nature of the petition, application, or motion _____

14. State concisely every ground on which you now claim that you are being held unlawfully. Summarize briefly the facts supporting each ground. If necessary, you may attach pages stating additional grounds and facts supporting same.

CAUTION: To proceed in the federal court, you must ordinarily first exhaust your state court remedies as to each ground on which you request action by the federal court. As to all grounds on which you have previously exhausted state court remedies, you should set them forth in this petition if you wish to seek federal relief. If you fail to set forth all such grounds in this petition, you may be barred from presenting them at a later date.

For your information, the following is a list of the most frequently raised grounds for relief in Habeas Corpus proceedings. Each statement preceded by a letter constitutes a separate ground for possible relief. You may raise any grounds which you may have other than those listed if you have exhausted all your state court remedies with respect to them. However, you should raise in this petition all available grounds, relating to this conviction, on which you base your allegations that you are being held in custody unlawfully.

If you select one or more of these grounds for relief, you must allege facts in support of the ground or grounds which you choose. Do not check any of the grounds listed below. The petitions will be returned to you if you merely check (a) through (j) or any one of these grounds.

- (a) Conviction obtained by plea of guilty which was unlawfully induced or not made voluntarily with understanding of the nature of the charge and the consequences of the plea.
- (b) Conviction obtained by use of coerced confession.
- (c) Conviction obtained by use of evidence gained pursuant to an unconstitutional search and seizure, where the state has not provided a full and fair hearing on the merits of the Fourth Amendment claim.
- (d) Conviction obtained by use of evidence obtained pursuant to an unlawful arrest, where the state has not provided a full and fair hearing on the merits of the Fourth Amendment claim.
- (e) Conviction obtained by a violation of the privilege against self-incrimination.
- (f) Conviction obtained by the unconstitutional failure of the prosecution to disclose to the defendant evidence favorable to the defendant.
- (g) Conviction obtained by a violation of the protection against double jeopardy.
- (h) Conviction obtained by the action of a grand or petit jury which was unconstitutionally selected and impaneled.
- (i) Denial of effective assistance of counsel.
- (j) Denial of right of appeal.

A. Ground One: _____

Supporting FACTS (Tell your story briefly without citing cases or law):

B. Ground Two: _____

Supporting FACTS (Tell your story briefly without citing cases or law):

C. Ground Three: _____

Supporting FACTS (Tell your story briefly without citing cases or law):

D. Ground Four: _____

Supporting FACTS (Tell your story briefly without citing cases or law):

15. If any of the grounds listed in questions 12 A, B, C, and D, were not previously presented in any other court, state or federal, state briefly what grounds were not so presented, and give your reasons for not presenting them:

16. Give the name and address, if known, of each attorney who represented you in the following stages of the judgment attacked herein:

- (a) At preliminary hearing _____
- (b) At arraignment and plea _____
- (c) At trial _____
- (d) At sentencing _____
- (e) On appeal _____
- (f) In any post-conviction proceeding _____
- (g) On appeal from any adverse ruling in a post-conviction proceeding _____

17. Were you sentenced on more than one count of an indictment, or on more than one indictment, in the same court at the same time?

Yes No

18. Do you have any future sentence to serve after you complete the sentence imposed by the conviction under attack?

Yes No

(a) If so, give name and location of court which imposed sentence to be served in the future _____

(b) Give date and length or sentence to be served in the future _____

(c) Have you filed, or do you contemplate filing, any petition attacking the judgment which imposed the sentence to be served in the future?

Yes No

19. **Timeliness of Petition:** If over one year has passed since the conclusion of your appeal, not counting any time during which an application for habeas corpus was pending in any state court, you must explain why the one-year statute of limitation set forth in 28 U.S.C. § 2244(d)* does not bar your petition:

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signed on _____
(Date)

Signature

If the person signing is not petitioner, state relationship to petitioner and explain why petitioner is not signing this petition.

Please note that under O.C.G.A. § 9-14-45 service of a petition of Habeas Corpus shall be made upon the person having custody of the petitioner. If you are being detained under the custody of the Department of Corrections, an additional copy of the petition must be served on the Attorney General. If you are being detained under the custody of some authority other than the Department of Corrections, an additional copy of the petition must be served upon the District Attorney of the county in which the petition is filed. Service upon the Attorney General or the District Attorney may be had by mailing a copy of the petition and a proper certificate of service.