

**PETITION UNDER 28 USC § 2254 FOR WRIT OF
HABEAS CORPUS BY A PERSON IN STATE CUSTODY**

(If petitioner is attacking a judgment which imposed a sentence to be served in the future, petitioner must fill in the name of the state where the judgment was entered. If petitioner has a sentence to be served in the future under a federal judgment which he wishes to attack, he should file a motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255, in the federal court which entered the judgment.)

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Instructions-Read Carefully

- (1) This petition must be legibly handwritten or typewritten, and signed by the petitioner under penalty of perjury. Any false statement of a material fact may serve as the basis for prosecution and conviction for perjury. All questions must be answered concisely in the proper space on the form.
- (2) Additional pages are not permitted except with respect to the facts which you rely upon to support your grounds for relief. No citation of authorities need be furnished. If briefs or arguments are submitted, they should be submitted in the form of a separate memorandum.
- (3) Upon receipt of a fee of \$5 your petition will be filed if it is in proper order.
- (4) If you do not have the necessary funds for transcripts, counsel, appeal, and other costs connected with a motion of this type, you may request permission to proceed *in forma pauperis*, in which event you must execute form AO 240 or any other form required by the court, setting forth information establishing your inability to pay the costs. If you wish to *proceed in forma pauperis*, you must have an authorized officer at the penal institution complete the certificate as to the amount of money and securities on deposit to your credit in any account in the institution.
- (5) You must file separate petitions for each judgment challenged.
- (6) Your attention is directed to the fact that you must include all grounds for relief and all facts supporting such grounds for relief in the petition you file seeking relief from any judgment of conviction.
- (7) When the petition is fully completed, the original and at least two copies must be mailed to the Clerk of the United States District Court whose address is listed below.
- (8) Petitions which do not conform to these instructions will be returned with a notation as to the deficiency.

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United States District Court		District _____
Name _____	Prisoner No. _____	Case No. (Official Use Only) _____
Place of Confinement _____		
Name of Petitioner (include name under which convicted) _____		Name of Respondent (authorized person having custody of petitioner) _____
V.		
The Attorney General of the State of: _____		

PETITION

1. Name and location of court which entered the judgment of conviction under attack _____

2. Date of judgment of conviction _____

3. Length of sentence(s) _____

4. Nature of offense involved (all counts) _____

5. What was your plea? (Check one)

(a) Not guilty **9**

(b) Guilty **9**

(c) Nolo contendere **9**

If you entered a guilty plea to one count or indictment, and a not guilty plea to another count or indictment, give details:

6. If you pleaded not guilty, what kind of trial did you have? (Check one)

(a) Jury **9**

(b) Judge only **9**

7. Did you testify at the trial?

Yes **9** No **9**

8. Did you file a direct appeal from the judgment of conviction?
Yes No

9. If you did appeal, answer the following:

(a) Date you filed _____

(b) Name of court _____

(c) Result _____

(d) Date of result and case number _____

(e) Grounds raised _____

Please submit, if available, a copy of any brief filed on your behalf and a copy of the decision by the court.

(f) If you sought further review of the decision on appeal by a higher state court, please answer the following:

(1) Date you filed _____

(2) Name of court _____

(3) Result _____

(4) Date of result and case number _____

(5) Grounds raised _____

Please submit, if available, a copy of any brief filed on your behalf and a copy of the decision by the court.

(g) If you filed a petition for certiorari in the United States Supreme Court, please answer the following with respect to each direct appeal:

(1) Date you filed _____

(2) Result _____

(3) Date of result and case number _____

(4) Grounds raised _____

10. Did you file a motion for relief from judgment pursuant to Subchapter 6.500 of the Michigan Court Rules with respect to the judgment of conviction and sentence?

Yes **9** No **9**

11. If your answer to 10 was "yes," give the following information:

(a) (1) Date you filed the motion for relief from judgment _____

(2) Name of court _____

(3) Result _____

(4) Date of result and case number _____

(5) Grounds raised _____

Please submit, if available, a copy of any brief filed on your behalf and a copy of the decision by the court.

(b) If you sought further review of the decision in the Michigan Court of Appeals, please answer the following:

(1) Date you filed _____

(2) Result _____

(3) Date of result and case number _____

(4) Grounds raised _____

Please submit, if available, a copy of any brief filed on your behalf and a copy of the decision by the court.

(c) If you sought further review of the decision in the Michigan Supreme Court, please answer the following:

- (1) Date you filed _____
- (2) Result _____
- (3) Date of result and case number _____
- (4) Grounds raised _____

Please submit, if available, a copy of any brief filed on your behalf and a copy of the decision by the court.

12. Other than a direct appeal or a motion for relief from the judgment of conviction and sentence, have you previously filed any petitions, applications, or motions with respect to this judgment in any court, state or federal?
Yes **9** No **9**

13. If your answer to 12 was “yes,” give the following information: [**Attach additional sheets of paper, if necessary, to answer the following for each petition, application, or motion you filed.**]

- (a) (1) Date you filed _____
- (2) Name of court _____
- (3) Nature of proceeding _____

- (4) Grounds raised _____

- (5) Did you receive an evidentiary hearing on your petition, application or motion?
Yes **9** No **9**
- (6) Result _____
- (7) Date of result and case number _____

Please submit, if available, a copy of any brief filed on your behalf and a copy of the decision by the court.

(b) Did you appeal to the highest court having jurisdiction the result of action taken on any petition, application or motion? Yes **9** No **9**

If yes, please provide the following:

- (1) Date you filed _____
 - (2) Name of court _____
 - (3) Result _____
 - (4) Date of result and case number _____
 - (5) Grounds raised _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Please submit, if available, a copy of any brief filed on your behalf and a copy of the decision by the court.

(c) If you did *not* appeal from the adverse action on any petition, application or motion, explain briefly why you did not:

14. State *concisely* every ground on which you claim that you are being held in violation of federal law. Such grounds should be limited to federal claims because a federal court may not issue a writ of habeas corpus on the basis of a perceived error of state law. Summarize *briefly* the *facts* supporting each ground. If necessary, you may attach pages stating additional grounds and *facts* supporting same. **CAUTION:** In order to proceed in the federal court, you must ordinarily first exhaust your available state court remedies as to each ground on which you request action by the federal court.

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 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 fail to set forth all grounds in this petition, you may be barred from presenting additional grounds at a later date.

Do not check any of these listed grounds. If you select one or more of these grounds for relief, you must allege facts. The petition 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.
- (d) Conviction obtained by use of evidence obtained pursuant to an unlawful arrest.
- (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 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 (state *briefly* without citing cases or law) _____

B. Ground two: _____

Supporting FACTS (state *briefly* without citing cases or law): _____

C. Ground three: _____

Supporting FACTS (state *briefly* without citing cases or law): _____

D. Ground four: _____

Supporting FACTS (state *briefly* without citing cases or law): _____

15. If any of the grounds listed in 14 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. Do you have any petition or appeal now pending in any court, either state or federal, as to the judgment under attack?
Yes **9** No **9** If yes, please state the court and the case number _____

17. 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 _____

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

Yes **9** No **9**

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

Yes **9** No **9**

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

(b) Give the date and length of the above sentence: _____

(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 **9** No **9**

Wherefore, petitioner prays that the Court grant petitioner relief to which he may be entitled in this proceeding.

Signature of Attorney (if any)

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

(date)

Signature of Petitioner