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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Lee Crayton,	)	
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Petitioner,	)	
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v.	)	Civil Action No. 10 0334
	)	
Captain Bolan,	)	
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Respondent.	)	

MEMORANDUM OPINION

Petitioner, proceeding *pro se*, has submitted an application for a writ of habeas corpus along with an application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. The Court will grant the application to proceed *in forma pauperis* and will dismiss the case for lack of jurisdiction.

Petitioner is a Texas prisoner confined in Amarillo, Texas, challenging a conviction and life sentence imposed by a court in Dallas County, Texas. Pet. at 2. Federal court review of state convictions is available under 28 U.S.C. § 2254 only after the exhaustion of available state remedies. *See* 28 U.S.C. §2254(b)(1). Thereafter, "an application for a writ of habeas corpus [] made by a person in custody under the judgment and sentence of a State court . . . may be filed in the district court for the district wherein such person is in custody or in the district court for the district within which the State court was held which convicted and sentenced [petitioner] and each of such district courts shall have concurrent jurisdiction to entertain the application." 28 U.S.C. § 2241(d). Petitioner, who claims to have at least one case pending in the Northern District of Texas, Pet. at 3, has no recourse here. A separate Order of dismissal accompanies this Memorandum Opinion.

Henry H. Kennedy, Jr.
United States District Judge

Date: February 19, 2010

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