UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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| Jeremy Ramone Bailey, |) | | | Clerk, U.S. District & Bankruptcy Courts for the District of Columbia |
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| Petitioner, |) | | | |
| v. |) | Civil Action No. | 11 | J 5 80 |
| Warden Dawn E. Grounds et al., |) | | | |
| Respondents. |) | | | |

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 state prisoner in New Boston, Texas, challenging a conviction entered by the 71st Judicial District Court of Harrison County, Texas. *See* Pet. at 2, 5-6. 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 has no recourse here. A separate Order of dismissal accompanies this Memorandum Opinion.

United States District Judge

Date: March / \$, 2011