

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

Christopher Vass,)	
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Petitioner,)	
)	Civil Action No. 20-773 (UNA)
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Ronald Brawner,)	
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Respondent.)	

MEMORANDUM OPINION

Petitioner, appearing *pro se*, is a Georgia state prisoner incarcerated in Hardwick, Georgia. He has filed an application to proceed *in forma pauperis* and a “Petition Under 28 U.S.C. § 2254 for Writ of Habeas Corpus by a Person in State Custody” [Dkt. # 1]. For the following reasons, this case will be dismissed for want of jurisdiction.

Petitioner is challenging his conviction in the Dekalb County Superior Court in Decatur, Georgia. Pet. ¶ 1. Section 2254 requires that a petitioner first exhaust his available state remedies. *See* 28 U.S.C. §2254(b)(1). Thereafter, an application under § 2254 “may be filed in the district court for the district wherein such person is in custody or in the district court for the district [where] 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). Since this court in the District of Columbia lacks authority to entertain the instant petition, it will dismiss the case. A separate order accompanies this Memorandum Opinion.

Date: April 14, 2020

s/

AMY BERMAN JACKSON
United States District Judge