United States Court of Appeals Fifth Circuit

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IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

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No. 06-50155 Conference Calendar

CLARENCE LEE CALLIES, JR.,

Petitioner-Appellant,

versus

NATHANIEL QUARTERMAN, DIRECTOR, TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS DIVISION,

Respondent-Appellee.

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas USDC No. 5:05-CV-1149

Before HIGGINBOTHAM, BENAVIDES, and PRADO, Circuit Judges. PER CURIAM:*

Clarence Lee Callies, Jr., federal prisoner # 13001-180, has filed a motion for a certificate of appealability (COA) to appeal the district court's dismissal of his 28 U.S.C. § 2254 application as untimely. Callies seeks to challenge his 1996 Texas conviction and sentence for drug possession. Callies contends that he exercised "due diligence" in filing his

^{*} Pursuant to 5TH CIR. R. 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5TH CIR. R. 47.5.4.

application and that the limitation period should be waived; he also argues the merits of the challenge to his conviction.

Callies has not shown "that jurists of reason would find it debatable whether the petition states a valid claim of the denial of a constitutional right and that jurists of reason would find it debatable whether the district court was correct in its procedural ruling." <u>Slack v. McDaniel</u>, 529 U.S. 473, 484 (2000). Callies's motion for a COA is denied.

Callies has moved for leave to proceed in forma pauperis (IFP) and for appointment of counsel. These motions are denied.

This court recently warned Callies that frivolous filings would result in the imposition of sanctions. <u>United States v.</u> <u>Callies</u>, 158 F. App'x 585, 587 (5th Cir. 2005). Nonetheless, Callies has proceeded with an untimely application for relief from a conviction that is now more than 10 years old. Therefore, Callies is ordered to pay a sanction in the amount of \$100, payable to the clerk of this court. The clerk of this court and the clerks of all federal district courts within this circuit are directed to refuse to file any civil complaint or appeal by Callies unless Callies submits proof of satisfaction of this sanction. If Callies attempts to file any further notices of appeal or original proceedings in this court without such proof the clerk will docket them for administrative purposes only. Any other submissions which do not show proof that the sanction has been paid will be neither addressed nor acknowledged. This sanction is imposed in addition to all other sanctions currently in force against Callies.

COA DENIED; IFP DENIED; APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL DENIED; SANCTION IMPOSED.