

United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

No. 25-40153
Summary Calendar

United States Court of Appeals
Fifth Circuit

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AARON TYLER CRUM,

Petitioner—Appellant,

versus

ERIC GUERRERO, *Director, Texas Department of Criminal Justice,
Correctional Institutions Division,*

Respondent—Appellee.

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Eastern District of Texas
USDC No. 4:21-CV-704

Before KING, HAYNES, and HO, *Circuit Judges.*

PER CURIAM: *

Aaron Tyler Crum, Texas prisoner # 2234595, was convicted of murder and sentenced to fifty years of imprisonment. The district court denied his 28 U.S.C. § 2254 petition, and this court granted a certificate of appealability with respect to his claim that his trial attorney was ineffective for failing to object to the prosecutor's statements in closing argument that

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Crum's actions on the night of the murder were in his "nature" given his history of alcohol and anger issues and, therefore, and not in self-defense.

Based on our review of the parties' briefs and the record, including the surrounding trial context of the comments, we conclude that the state court did not unreasonably adjudicate Crum's claim of ineffective assistance of counsel. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 2254(d); *Harrington v. Richter*, 562 U.S. 86, 102-05 (2011). Accordingly, the district court did not err in denying the § 2254 petition. *See Register v. Thaler*, 681 F.3d 623, 626 (5th Cir. 2012).

AFFIRMED.