

**Petition for Relief From a Conviction or Sentence  
By a Person in State Custody**

(Petitioner Under 28 U.S.C. § 2254 for a Writ of Habeas Corpus)

**Instructions**

1. To use this form, you must be a person who is currently serving a sentence under a judgment against you in a state court. This form is your petition for relief from that conviction or sentence.
2. You may also use this form to challenge a state judgment that imposed a sentence to be served in the future, but you must fill in the name of the state where the judgment was entered. If you want to challenge a federal judgment that imposed a sentence to be served in the future, you should file a motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 in the federal court that entered the judgment.
3. Make sure the form is typed or neatly written.
4. You must tell the truth and sign the form. If you make a false statement of a material fact, you may be prosecuted for perjury.
5. Answer all the questions. You do not need to cite law. You may submit additional pages if necessary. If you do not fill out the form properly, you will be asked to submit additional or corrected information. If you want to submit a brief or arguments, you must submit them in a separate memorandum.
6. You must pay a fee of \$5. If the fee is paid, your petition will be filed. If you cannot pay the fee, you may ask to proceed *in forma pauperis* (as a poor person). To do that, you must fill out the enclosed AO 240 form. Also, you must submit a certificate signed by an officer at the institution where you are confined showing the amount of money that the institution is holding for you.
7. In this petition, you may challenge the judgment entered by only one court. If you want to challenge a judgment entered by a different court (either in the same state or in different states), you must file a separate petition.
8. When you have completed the form, send the original and two copies to the Clerk of the United States District Court at one of the following addresses:

Clerk, U.S. District Court  
399 Federal Bldg.  
110 Michigan St., NW  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Clerk, U.S. District Court  
B-35 Federal Bldg.  
410 W. Michigan Ave.  
Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Clerk, U.S. District Court  
229 Federal Bldg.  
P.O. Box 698  
Marquette, MI 49855

Clerk, U.S. District Court  
113 Federal Bldg.  
315 W. Allegan  
Lansing, MI 48933

9. **CAUTION:** You must include in this petition all the grounds for relief from the conviction or sentence that you challenge. And you must state the facts that support each ground. If you fail to set forth all the grounds in this petition, you may be barred from presenting additional grounds at a later date.

**PETITION UNDER 28 USC § 2254 FOR WRIT OF  
HABEAS CORPUS BY A PERSON IN STATE CUSTODY**

<b>United States District Court</b>	District
Name (under which you were convicted):	Docket or Case No.:
Place of Confinement:	Prisoner No.:
Name of Petitioner (include name under which convicted) <span style="float: right;">Name of Respondent (authorized person having custody)</span>	
v.	
The Attorney General of the State of:	

**PETITION**

1. (a) Name and location of court that entered the judgment of conviction you are challenging: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- (b) Criminal docket or case number: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Date of judgment of conviction: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Identify all counts and crimes for which you were convicted and sentenced in this case: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Length of sentence for each count or crime for which you were convicted in this case: \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_
5. (a) What was your plea?  
Not guilty   
Guilty   
Nolo contendere (no contest)

(b) If you entered a guilty plea to one count or charge, and a not guilty plea to another count or charge, give details:

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6. If you went to trial, what kind of trial did you have? (Check one)

- (a) Jury
- (b) Judge only

7. Did you testify at the trial? Yes  No

8. Did you file a direct appeal to the Michigan Court of Appeals from the judgment of conviction? Yes  No

9. If you did appeal, answer the following:

(a) Date you filed: \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Docket or case number: \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Result: \_\_\_\_\_

(d) Date of result: \_\_\_\_\_

(e) Grounds raised: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please submit, if available, a copy of any brief filed on your behalf and a copy of the decision by the court.**

(g) Did you seek further review of the decision on appeal by the Michigan Supreme Court? Yes  No

If yes, answer the following:

(1) Date you filed: \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Docket or case number: \_\_\_\_\_

(3) Result: \_\_\_\_\_

(4) Date of result: \_\_\_\_\_

(5) Grounds raised: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Please submit, if available, a copy of any brief filed on your behalf and a copy of the decision by the court.**

(h) Did you file a petition for certiorari in the United States Supreme Court? Yes  No

If yes, answer the following:

(1) Date you filed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(2) Docket or case number: \_\_\_\_\_  
(3) Result: \_\_\_\_\_  
(4) Date of result: \_\_\_\_\_  
(5) Grounds raised: \_\_\_\_\_  
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10. Did you file a motion for relief from judgment pursuant to Subchapter 6.500 of the Michigan Court Rules with respect to the judgment of conviction and sentence? Yes  No

11. If your answer to 10 was "yes," give the following information:

(a) (1) Date you filed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(2) Name of court: \_\_\_\_\_  
(3) Docket or case number: \_\_\_\_\_  
(4) Grounds raised: \_\_\_\_\_  
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(5) Did you receive a hearing where evidence was given on your motion? Yes  No

(6) Result: \_\_\_\_\_

(6) Date of result: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please submit, if available, a copy of any brief filed on your behalf and a copy of the decision by the court.**

(b) If you sought further review of the decision in the Michigan Court of Appeals, please answer the following:

(1) Date you filed: \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Docket or case number: \_\_\_\_\_

(3) Result: \_\_\_\_\_

(4) Date of result: \_\_\_\_\_

(5) Grounds raised: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please submit, if available, a copy of any brief filed on your behalf and a copy of the decision by the court.**

(c) If you sought further review of the decision in the Michigan Supreme Court, please answer the following:

(1) Date you filed: \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Docket or case number: \_\_\_\_\_

(3) Result: \_\_\_\_\_

(4) Date of result: \_\_\_\_\_

(5) Grounds raised: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please submit, if available, a copy of any brief filed on your behalf and a copy of the decision by the court.**

12. Other than a direct appeal or a motion for relief from judgment, have you previously filed any petitions, applications, or motions with respect to this judgment in any court, state or federal? Yes  No

13. If your answer to 12 was “yes,” give the following information: **[Attach additional sheets of paper, if necessary, to answer the following for each petition, application, or motion you filed.]**

(a) (1) Date you filed: \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Name of court: \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Docket or case number: \_\_\_\_\_

(3) Nature of the proceeding: \_\_\_\_\_

(4) Grounds raised: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(5) Did you receive a hearing where evidence was given on your motion? Yes  No

(6) Result: \_\_\_\_\_

(7) Date of result: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please submit, if available, a copy of any brief filed on your behalf and a copy of the decision by the court.**

(b) Did you appeal to the highest court having jurisdiction the result of action taken on any petition, application or motion?  
Yes  No

If yes, please provide the following:

(1) Date you filed: \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Name of court: \_\_\_\_\_

(3) Result: \_\_\_\_\_

(4) Date of result and case number: \_\_\_\_\_

(5) Grounds raised: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Please submit, if available, a copy of any brief filed on your behalf and a copy of the decision by the court.**

(c) If you did *not* appeal from the adverse action on any petition, application or motion, explain briefly why you did not:

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14. For this petition, state every ground on which you claim that you are being held in violation of the Constitution, laws, or treaties of the United States. Attach additional pages if you have more than four grounds. State the facts supporting each ground.

CAUTION: To proceed in the federal court, you must ordinarily first exhaust your available state-court remedies on each ground on which you request action by the federal court. Also, if you fail to set forth all the grounds in this petition, you may be barred from presenting additional grounds at a later date.

**GROUND ONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

(a) Supporting FACTS (Do not argue or cite law. Just state the specific facts that support your claim.): \_\_\_\_\_

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**(b) Direct Appeal of Ground One:**

(1) If you appealed from the judgment of conviction, did you raise this issue? Yes  No

(2) If you did not raise this issue in your direct appeal, explain why: \_\_\_\_\_

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**(c) Post-Conviction Proceedings:**

(1) Did you raise this issue in a motion for relief from judgment pursuant to Subchapter 6.500 of the Michigan Court Rules? Yes  No

(2) If your answer to Question (c)(1) is "Yes," state:

Date motion was filed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and location of the court where the motion was filed: \_\_\_\_\_

Docket or case number: \_\_\_\_\_

Result (attach a copy of the court's opinion and order, if available): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of result: \_\_\_\_\_

(3) Did you receive a hearing on your motion? Yes  No

(4) Did you appeal from the denial of your motion? Yes  No

(5) If your answer to Question (c)(4) is "Yes," did you raise this issue in the appeal? Yes  No

If yes, answer the following:

Date you filed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and location of court: \_\_\_\_\_

Docket or case number: \_\_\_\_\_

Result (attach a copy of the court's opinion and order, if available) : \_\_\_\_\_

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Date of result: \_\_\_\_\_

(d) **Other Remedies:** Describe any other procedures (such as habeas corpus, administrative remedies, etc.) that you have used to exhaust your state remedies on Ground One: \_\_\_\_\_

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(e) If you did not exhaust your state remedies on Ground One, explain why: \_\_\_\_\_

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**GROUND TWO:** \_\_\_\_\_

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(a) Supporting **FACTS** (Do not argue or cite law. Just state the specific facts that support your claim): \_\_\_\_\_

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(b) **Direct Appeal of Ground Two:**

(1) If you appealed from the judgment of conviction, did you raise this issue? Yes  No

(2) If you did not raise this issue in your direct appeal, explain why: \_\_\_\_\_

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(c) **Post-Conviction Proceedings:**

(1) Did you raise this issue in a motion for relief from judgment pursuant to Subchapter 6.500 of the Michigan Court Rules? Yes  No

(2) If your answer to Question (c)(1) is "Yes," state:

Date motion was filed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and location of the court where the motion was filed: \_\_\_\_\_

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Docket or case number: \_\_\_\_\_

Result (attach a copy of the court's opinion and order, if available): \_\_\_\_\_

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Date of result: \_\_\_\_\_

(3) Did you receive a hearing on your motion? Yes  No

(4) Did you appeal from the denial of your motion? Yes  No

(5) If your answer to Question (c)(4) is "Yes," did you raise this issue in the appeal? Yes  No

If yes, answer the following:

Date you filed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and location of court: \_\_\_\_\_

Docket or case number: \_\_\_\_\_

Result (attach a copy of the court's opinion and order, if available) : \_\_\_\_\_

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Date of result: \_\_\_\_\_

(d) **Other Remedies:** Describe any other procedures (such as habeas corpus, administrative remedies, etc.) that you have used to exhaust your state remedies on Ground Two: \_\_\_\_\_

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(e) If you did not exhaust your state remedies on Ground Two, explain why: \_\_\_\_\_

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**GROUND THREE:** \_\_\_\_\_

(a) Supporting FACTS (Do not argue or cite law. Just state the specific facts that support your claim): \_\_\_\_\_

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(b) **Direct Appeal of Ground Three:**

(1) If you appealed from the judgment of conviction, did you raise this issue? Yes  No

(2) If you did not raise this issue in your direct appeal, explain why: \_\_\_\_\_

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(c) **Post-Conviction Proceedings:**

(1) Did you raise this issue in a motion for relief from judgment pursuant to Subchapter 6.500 of the Michigan Court Rules? Yes  No

(2) If your answer to Question (c)(1) is “Yes,” state:

Date motion was filed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and location of the court where the motion was filed: \_\_\_\_\_

Docket or case number: \_\_\_\_\_

Result (attach a copy of the court’s opinion and order, if available): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of result: \_\_\_\_\_

(3) Did you receive a hearing on your motion? Yes  No

(4) Did you appeal from the denial of your motion? Yes  No

(5) If your answer to Question (c)(4) is “Yes,” did you raise this issue in the appeal? Yes  No

If yes, answer the following:

Date you filed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and location of court: \_\_\_\_\_

Docket or case number: \_\_\_\_\_

Result (attach a copy of the court's opinion and order, if available) : \_\_\_\_\_

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Date of result: \_\_\_\_\_

(d) **Other Remedies:** Describe any other procedures (such as habeas corpus, administrative remedies, etc.) that you have used to exhaust your state remedies on Ground Three: \_\_\_\_\_

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(e) If you did not exhaust your state remedies on Ground Three, explain why: \_\_\_\_\_

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**GROUND FOUR:** \_\_\_\_\_

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(a) Supporting **FACTS** (Do not argue or cite law. Just state the specific facts that support your claim): \_\_\_\_\_

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(b) **Direct Appeal of Ground Four:**

(1) If you appealed from the judgment of conviction, did you raise this issue? Yes  No

(2) If you did not raise this issue in your direct appeal, explain why: \_\_\_\_\_

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(c) **Post-Conviction Proceedings:**

(1) Did you raise this issue in a motion for relief from judgment pursuant to Subchapter 6.500 of the Michigan Court Rules? Yes  No

(2) If your answer to Question (c)(1) is "Yes," state:

Date motion was filed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and location of the court where the motion was filed: \_\_\_\_\_

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Docket or case number: \_\_\_\_\_

Result (attach a copy of the court's opinion and order, if available): \_\_\_\_\_

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Date of result: \_\_\_\_\_

(3) Did you receive a hearing on your motion? Yes  No

(4) Did you appeal from the denial of your motion? Yes  No

(5) If your answer to Question (c)(4) is "Yes," did you raise this issue in the appeal? Yes  No

If yes, answer the following:

Date you filed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and location of court: \_\_\_\_\_

Docket or case number: \_\_\_\_\_

Result (attach a copy of the court's opinion and order, if available) : \_\_\_\_\_

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Date of result: \_\_\_\_\_

(d) **Other Remedies:** Describe any other procedures (such as habeas corpus, administrative remedies, etc.) that you have used to exhaust your state remedies on Ground Four: \_\_\_\_\_

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(e) If you did not exhaust your state remedies on Ground Four, explain why: \_\_\_\_\_

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15. Have you previously filed any type of petition, application or motion in a federal court regarding the conviction that you challenge in this petition? Yes  No

If "Yes," state the date of filing, the name and location of the court, the docket or case number, the type of proceeding, the issues raised, the date of the court's decision, and the result for each petition, application, or motion filed. Attach a copy of any court opinion or order, if available:

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16. Do you have any petition or appeal now pending (filed and not decided yet) in any court, either state or federal, as to the judgment you are challenging? Yes  No

If "Yes," state the date of filing, the name and location of the court, the docket or case number, the type of proceeding, and the issues raised:

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17. Give the name and address, if known, of each attorney who represented you in the following stages of the judgment you are challenging:

(a) At preliminary hearing: \_\_\_\_\_

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(b) At arraignment and plea: \_\_\_\_\_

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(c) At trial: \_\_\_\_\_

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(d) At sentencing: \_\_\_\_\_

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(e) On appeal: \_\_\_\_\_

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\*The Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996 (“AEDPA”) as contained in 28 U.S.C. § 2244(d) provides in part that:

- (1) A 1-year period of limitation shall apply to an application for a writ of habeas corpus by a person in custody pursuant to the judgment of a State court. The limitation period shall run from the latest of -
  - (A) the date on which the judgment became final by the conclusion of direct review or the expiration of the time for seeking such review;
  - (B) the date on which the impediment to filing an application created by State action in violation of the Constitution or laws of the United States is removed, if the applicant was prevented from filing by such State action;
  - (C) the date on which the constitutional right asserted was initially recognized by the Supreme Court, if the right has been newly recognized by the Supreme Court and made retroactively applicable to cases on collateral review; or
  - (D) the date on which the factual predicate of the claim or claims presented could have been discovered through the exercise of due diligence.
- (2) The time during which a properly filed application for State post-conviction or other collateral review with respect to the pertinent judgment or claim is pending shall not be counted toward any period of limitation under this subsection.

Therefore, petitioner asks that the Court grant him or her the relief to which he may be entitled in this proceeding.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus was placed in the prison mailing system on \_\_\_\_\_ (month, date, year).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Petitioner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Attorney (if any)

If the person signing is not petitioner or an attorney, state relationship to petitioner and explain why petitioner is not signing this petition. \_\_\_\_\_

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