

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT

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No. 18-10867-D

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DWIGHT L. ALLEN,

Plaintiff - Appellant,

versus

CAMDEN COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT,

Defendant - Appellee.

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Appeal from the United States District Court  
for the Southern District of Georgia

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**ENTRY OF DISMISSAL:** Pursuant to the 11th Cir.R.42-1(b), this appeal is DISMISSED for want of prosecution because the Appellant Dwight L. Allen failed to pay the filing and docketing fees (or file a motion in the district court for relief from the obligation to pay in advance the full fee) to the district court within the time fixed by the rules, effective March 27, 2018.

DAVID J. SMITH  
Clerk of Court of the United States Court  
of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

by: Scott O'Neal, D, Deputy Clerk

FOR THE COURT - BY DIRECTION

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA  
ATLANTA DIVISION**

DWIGHT L. ALLEN,	:	CIVIL ACTION NO.
GDC ID # 1054462, Case # 708311,	:	1:17-CV-03543-TWT-JSA
Plaintiff,	:	
	:	
v.	:	
	:	
CAMDEN CNTY. SUPERIOR CT.,	:	PRISONER ACTION
Defendant.	:	

**ORDER**

Plaintiff, a Georgia prisoner, has filed a complaint, which the Clerk has docketed as a civil rights action. (Doc. 1). It appears, however, that Plaintiff seeks to raise a habeas corpus challenge to his rape conviction in Camden County, Georgia, which is located within the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Georgia, Brunswick Division.

It is the long-standing practice of the United States District Courts for the Northern, Middle, and Southern Districts of Georgia to transfer all 28 U.S.C. § 2254 petitions to the district within which the state prisoner was convicted. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 2241(d); *Eagle v. Linahan*, 279 F.3d 926, 933 n.9 (11th Cir. 2001) (recognizing practice). This practice allows each district court to consider habeas matters coming

only from state courts within its jurisdiction and ensures an equitable distribution of habeas cases between the districts of this State.

Accordingly, this action is **TRANSFERRED** to the United States District Court for the Southern District of Georgia, Brunswick Division, for further proceedings.<sup>1</sup>

**SO ORDERED** this 21st day of September, 2017.



JUSTIN S. ANAND  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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<sup>1</sup>The same outcome is dictated by the venue rules that apply to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 actions in federal court because the events about which Plaintiff complains took place within the territory of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Georgia, where the named Defendant and other potential defendants are located.

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