

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

MR. STEVEN H. COOK,

Applicant,

Case No: _____

Application for Extension of Time to file a
Petition for writ of Certiorari

COMES NOW applicant STEVEN H. COOK
pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 13.5-
and applies for an order granting an
extension of time in which to file a Petition
for writ of Certiorari to the Eleventh
Circuit Court of Appeals.

In support of this application Cook
would further show:

The jurisdiction of this Court is invoked
under U.S.C. § 1254 (1)

The judgment to be reviewed is the
Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals
denial of Rehearing and the denial
of Certificate of Appealability.

Reasons for the Extension of Time

1. Petitioner Cook is a Florida State Prisoner suffering under a natural life sentence for a crime of which he is absolutely innocent.
2. Petitioner is unskilled and untrained in the law and most specifically Supreme Court law.

3. Until recently, petitioner had been housed at Apalachicola, I. East Unit for the past several years where he was moving forward through the legal agency in Federal Court after filing his initial petition for Habeas Corpus

4. Petitioner had a certified law clerk skilled in the Federal and U.S. Supreme Court systems at A.C.I. East Unit.

5. Petitioner has since been transferred to a different prison known as the "West Unit" and has lost the assistance of the skilled legal aid.

6. Petitioner's 90 day period to file for Certiorari began on April 9th date, with all pertinent documentation being sent to A.C.I. East.

7. The documentation was held there until the 29th of April, until the administration determined that petitioner's East Unit law clerk would not be permitted to continue after petitioner's transfer, which wasted nearly one month of the 90 day period in which to file for the writ. (See attached notice)

8. The senior law clerk at the West Unit has advised petitioner this past week that "he has done nothing at this point on the petition for writ of Habeas" and further has conceded that "he knows nothing of Supreme Court law."

9. For all intents and purposes petitioner has been abandoned in the legal sense. Very near the dead line date for the filing of the petition for writ of Habeas.

10. Access to the law library for research must be made, by request and call out and allows an inmate only two days per week, for two hours per day, making any useful research extremely difficult.

11. Even now the law library supervisor has gone on vacation and in the absence the law library may only be available "if and when" there is an available officer to act as a substitute.

12. The institution has been under level II lock down conditions several times for several days as of late, where there was no law library access at all due to gang violence, stabbings, etc.

13. The back log here is extreme.

14. As a prisoner petitioner has basically no control, and remains at the mercy of the administration, the legal mail system and the extraordinary overwhelming circumstances accumulated due to petitioner's transfer and conditions of confinement.

15. Petitioner fears he will not be able to meet the dead line to file for the writ with out an extension of time.

16. Your petitioner affirms that this application is made in good faith and not for purpose of delay.

Wherefore, petitioner requests an extension of 30 days in which to complete and file the petition for writ of Habeas Corpus and prays this Honorable Court will issue an order as such.

Respectfully submitted
Mr. J. M. Cook

INMATE REQUEST

STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Mail Number: _____
Team Number: _____
Institution: _____

TO: WEST UNIT - LAW LIBRARY

TO: (Check One) ☐ Warden ☐ Asst. Warden ☐ Classification ☐ Security ☐ Medical ☐ Mental Health ☒ Dental ☒ Other LAW LIBRARY - WEST UNIT

FROM:	Inmate Name <u>COOK, STEVEN</u>	DC Number <u>136448</u>	Quarters <u>WEST UNIT 12-1045</u>	Job Assignment <u>HOUSEMAN</u>	Date <u>4/27/18</u>
-------	------------------------------------	----------------------------	--------------------------------------	-----------------------------------	------------------------

REQUEST

Check here if this is an informal grievance ☐

ADVISE I/M ON DEADLINE FOR FILING PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI WITH THE U.S.

All requests will be handled in one of the following ways: 1) Written Information or 2) Personal Interview. All informal grievances will be responded to in writing.

Inmate (Signature): _____

DC#: _____

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

RESPONSE

DATE RECEIVED: _____

YOUR DEADLINE FOR FILING YOUR PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI WITH THE U.S. SUPREME COURT IS 90 DAYS AFTER THE DENIAL OF THE REHEARING BY THE 11TH U.S. CIRCUIT OF APPEALS. SEE SUPREME COURT RULE 13 (3). 90 DAYS FROM APRIL 9, 2018 MAKES YOUR DEADLINE JULY 9, 2018 (8TH IS A SUNDAY). I AM ATTACHING THE FORM TO USE. YOU WILL HAVE TO ATTACH EVERY FINAL ORDER RELATED TO THIS ISSUE BY THE STATE, U.S. DISTRICT + 11TH CIRCUIT COURT. SEE RULE 14 AND ATTACHED FORM TO HELP YOU. LAW CLERK WILLIAMS SHOULD BE ABLE TO HANDLE THIS FILING WITH YOU. AAT 4/27/18

[The following pertains to informal grievances only:

Based on the above information, your grievance is _____. (Returned, Denied, or Approved). If your informal grievance is denied, you have the right to submit a formal grievance in accordance with Chapter 33-103.006, F.A.C.]

Official (Print Name): _____

Official (Signature): _____

Date: 4/27/18

Original: Inmate (plus one copy)

CC: Retained by official responding or if the response is to an informal grievance then forward to be placed in inmate's file

This form is also used to file informal grievances in accordance with Rule 33-103.005, Florida Administrative Code.

Informal Grievances and Inmate Requests will be responded to within 10 days, following receipt by staff.

You may obtain further administrative review of your complaint by obtaining form DC1-303, Request for Administrative Remedy or Appeal, completing the form as required by Rule 33-103.006, F.A.C., attaching a copy of your informal grievance and response, and forwarding your complaint to the warden or assistant warden no later than 15 days after the grievance is responded to. If the 15th day falls on a weekend or holiday, the due date shall be the next regular work day.

DC6-236 (Effective 12/14)

Incorporated by Reference in Rule 33-103.005, F.A.C.

003