

United States Court of Appeals
for the Fifth Circuit

No. 19-10924

BENJAMON RAY STEWART,

Petitioner—Appellant,

versus

BOBBY LUMPKIN, DIRECTOR, TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF
CRIMINAL JUSTICE, CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS DIVISION,

Respondent—Appellee.

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Northern District of Texas

USDC No. 4:18-CV-509
USDC No. 4:19-CV-152

ORDER:

Benjamon Ray Stewart, Texas prisoner # 01970445, moves for a certificate of appealability (COA) to appeal the denial of his consolidated 28 U.S.C. § 2254 applications challenging his convictions for three counts of intoxication manslaughter with a vehicle and one count of failure to stop and render aid in an accident involving serious bodily injury or death. He contends that the district court erred by rejecting his claims that a state witness committed perjury, that he received ineffective assistance from his trial and appellate counsel, that he was denied due process in various ways,

and that he is actually innocent. Stewart also challenges the district court's decision not to hold an evidentiary hearing.

As an initial matter, this court lacks jurisdiction to consider those claims that are raised for the first time in Stewart's COA motion. *See Black v. Davis*, 902 F.3d 541, 545 (5th Cir. 2018), *cert. denied*, 140 S. Ct. 859 (2020).

A COA may be issued only if the applicant "has made a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right." 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2). A petitioner satisfies this standard by showing that jurists of reason could disagree with the district court's resolution of his constitutional claims or that jurists could conclude the issues raised deserve encouragement to proceed further. *Miller-El v. Cockrell*, 537 U.S. 322, 327 (2003). Where, as here, the district court denied relief on the merits, a petitioner must establish that "reasonable jurists would find the district court's assessment of the constitutional claims debatable or wrong." *Slack v. McDaniel*, 529 U.S. 473, 484 (2000). Because Stewart has not made the requisite showing to obtain a COA on his constitutional claims, a COA is DENIED.

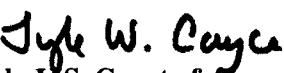
Finally, Stewart's remaining motions for emergency notice based on newly discovered evidence, for an expedited ruling, for appointment of counsel, and for this court to order an evidentiary hearing are DENIED.





GREGG COSTA
United States Circuit Judge

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Clerk, U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
FORT WORTH DIVISION

BENJAMON RAY STEWART,
Petitioner,

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V.

Civil Action No. 4:18-CV-509-O

LORIE DAVIS, DIRECTOR,
Texas Department of Criminal Justice,
Correctional Institutions Division,
Respondent.

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V.

Civil Action No. 4:19-CV-152-O

LORIE DAVIS, DIRECTOR,
Texas Department of Criminal Justice,
Correctional Institutions Division,
Respondent.

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ORDER

Petitioner has two pending federal habeas-corpus petitions in this Court challenging one or more of the same state court convictions. The Hon. United States District Judge John McBryde has transferred No. 4:19-CV-152-A to the undersigned for possible consolidation with No. 4:18-CV-509-O. Order, ECF No. 8. Review of the petitions reveals that the federal petitions challenge convictions Petitioner received in the same court on the same date. Under these circumstances, consolidation is appropriate. Therefore, No. 4:19-CV-152-O is consolidated with No. 4:18-CV-509-O. The number of the consolidated action shall be shown in the clerk's records and on all future filings to be "Civil Action No. 4:18-CV-509-O (Consolidated with No. 4:19-CV-152-O)."

SO ORDERED on this 12th day of March, 2019.


Reed O'Connor
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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§ Civil Action No. 4:18-CV-509-O

§ (Consolidated with No. 4:19-CV-152-O)

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ORDER

The United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit has forwarded petitioner Benjamon Ray Stewart's request for a certificate of appealability from the Court's July 22, 2019, Opinion and Order and Final Judgment denying his habeas-corpus petition under 28 U.S.C. § 2254 to be filed as a notice of appeal. This Court denied a certificate of appealability in the July 22 Opinion and Order. However, to the extent necessary, the instant request is DENIED for the same reasons discussed therein.

SO ORDERED on this 26th day of August, 2019.



Reed O'Connor
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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USDC No. 4:18-CV-509

Before JONES, COSTA, and WILSON, *Circuit Judges*.

PER CURIAM:

IT IS ORDERED that appellant's motion for leave to file out of time the motion for reconsideration is GRANTED.

A member of this panel previously DENIED the motion for a certificate of appealability. The panel has considered appellant's motion for reconsideration.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the motion is DENIED.

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with this much pain inside of me
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Decision to Deny Justice
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Criminal Appeals

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U.S. District Court
Northern District
Fort Worth Division

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