

****NOT FOR PRINTED PUBLICATION****

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
BEAUMONT DIVISION

BARTHOLOMEW GRANGER, #999579,

Petitioner,

v.

DIRECTOR, TDCJ-CID,

Respondent.

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CIVIL ACTION NO. 1:17-cv-291

JUDGE RON CLARK

ORDER

Pending before the court is Petitioner's motion for appointment counsel (Dkt. #1). The court is of the opinion that the Capital Habeas Unit of the Federal Community Defender Office for the Eastern District of Philadelphia should be appointed to represent Petitioner.

The motion to appoint also requested appointment of private counsel as "associate counsel." The undersigned has usually appointed a second attorney when private counsel has been appointed, because the burden of a capital case is such that a solo, or small firm, practitioner can easily be overwhelmed. However, the motion asserts that The Federal Community Defender for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania has agreed to the assignment of the case and to assign attorneys from the Capital Habeas Unit in his office. The Federal Community Defender believes that his CHU is sufficiently funded and has sufficient staff to assume representation of Mr. Granger's case and has asserted that he will assign attorneys to be responsible for Mr. Granger's representation from the CHU unit in his office. Shawn Nolan, Chief of the CHU, who will be supervising the attorneys assigned to the case has stated that appointment of an associate or local counsel is not needed.

It is therefore **ORDERED** that the motion for appointment of counsel (Dkt. #1) is **GRANTED** in part and that The Capital Habeas Unit of the office of the Federal Community Defender for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania is appointed to represent Mr. Granger in this case.

It is further **ORDERED** that the Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Order to Mr. Shawn Nolan at the following address:

Shawn Nolan, Chief
Capital Habeas Unit
Federal Community Defender
Eastern District of Pennsylvania
601 Walnut Street, Suite 545 West
Philadelphia, PA. 19106

The attorneys assigned by the Federal Community Defender for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania should enter a notice of appearance within seven days after the receipt of this Order.

So **ORDERED** and **SIGNED** this 14 day of July, 2017.



Ron Clark, United States District Judge