Supreme Court of Florida

No. 86,907

JERRY WHITE,

Petitioner,

vs.

HARRY K. SINGLETARY,

Respondent.

[December 1, 1995]

PER CURIAM.

We have before us a petition for writ of habeas corpus and request for stay of execution. We have jurisdiction. Art. V, \S 3(b)(1), (9), Fla. Const. We deny both.

White was convicted of robbing a small grocery store in Taft, Florida, and shooting a customer to death. The facts and

procedural history are set out fully in <u>White v. State</u>, No. 86,900 (Fla. December 1, 1995). White raises four claims in his present petition.

White first asserts that he has been denied effective assistance of counsel on collateral review because his counsel, provided by the Office of the Capital Collateral Representative ("CCR"), is overworked and forced to labor under severe time constraints. We have already heard argument on this issue and decided the matter adversely to White shortly after the governor signed the present death warrant.

White next claims that he is mentally retarded and his execution would constitute cruel and unusual punishment. This issue could and should have been raised in prior proceedings and is procedurally barred. See Scott v. State, 657 So. 2d 1129 (Fla. 1995).

Third, White claims that records of the Florida Parole Commission and the Florida Board of Executive Clemency were withheld from him in violation of his constitutional rights. We find this claim procedurally barred because it could and should have been raised in prior proceedings.

White's last claim is that his constitutional rights were violated because he was without counsel to present a clemency petition to the governor. We do not address this issue because White's lawyer has in fact filed such a petition.

We deny the petition for writ of habeas corpus and request for stay of execution.

It is so ordered.

GRIMES, C.J., and OVERTON, HARDING and WELLS, JJ., concur. ANSTEAD, J., concurs in part and dissents in part with an opinion, in which SHAW and KOGAN, JJ., concur.

NO MOTION FOR REHEARING WILL BE ALLOWED.

ANSTEAD, J., concurring in part, dissenting in part.

By separate opinion, I have dissented to this Court's opinion in Case Nos. 86,900 and 86,901 affirming the denial of postconviction relief. Earlier, Justices Shaw and Kogan had dissented to our denial of CCR's request for a stay of appellant's execution in order to allow for a reasonable opportunity to investigate appellant's postconviction claims. Now that it is apparent that there are several matters of substance requiring a stay and further investigation, I would now join my colleagues in granting a stay. For that reason, I dissent from that portion of the Court's opinion denying a stay in order to permit a reasonable and orderly investigation of the postconviction claims.

SHAW and KOGAN, JJ., concur.

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