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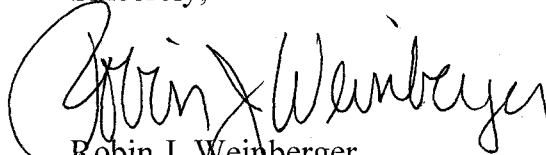
Melinda-Sue: Harrington  
2450 Elmwood Avenue  
Kansas City, Missouri 64127

Dear Ms. Harrington:

We received a Petition for the Great Writ of Habeas Corpus signed by you for Denny-Ray: Hardin. Unless you are a licensed attorney, we are unable to accept this petition for Denny-Ray: Hardin. Mr. Hardin may proceed without counsel, but he must sign any petition on his own. In addition, a writ of habeas corpus should be filed in the first instance in the United States District Court.

Accordingly, we are returning this filing and the \$5.00 postal money order to you.

Sincerely,



Robin J. Weinberger  
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28 USC Sec. 2242

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TITLE 28 - JUDICIARY AND JUDICIAL PROCEDURE

PART VI - PARTICULAR PROCEEDINGS

CHAPTER 153 - **HABEAS CORPUS**

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Sec. 2242. Application

-STATUTE-

Application for a writ of **habeas corpus** shall be in writing signed and verified by the person for whose relief it is intended or by someone acting in his behalf.

It shall allege the facts concerning the applicant's commitment or detention, the name of the person who has custody over him and by virtue of what claim or authority, if known.

It may be amended or supplemented as provided in the rules of procedure applicable to civil actions.

If addressed to the Supreme Court, a justice thereof or a circuit judge it shall state the reasons for not making application to the district court of the district in which the applicant is held.

-SOURCE-

(June 25, 1948, ch. 646, 62 Stat. 965.)

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on title 28, U.S.C., 1940 ed., Sec. 454 (R.S. Sec. 754).