

OPINION

The appellant, David Williams, pled guilty to six offenses in Cocke County. He was sentenced to 12 years as a Range I, standard offender. He filed a post-conviction petition alleging that he received ineffective assistance of counsel. After a hearing, the trial court dismissed the petition. He appeals the dismissal. Upon review, we affirm the judgment of the trial court.

The appellant alleges that his counsel was ineffective because she failed to communicate with him about case strategy and possible defenses. At the hearing, he presented only his uncorroborated testimony to support this position. His counsel testified that she met with the appellant at least six times during the course of representing him. Furthermore, she testified that she and the appellant discussed and evaluated his chances of succeeding at trial on the various charges.

In order for the appellant to be granted relief on grounds of ineffective assistance of counsel related to a guilty plea, he must establish that, but for his counsel's errors, he would not have pled guilty and would have insisted on a trial. Hill v. Lockhart, 474 U.S. 52, 59 (1985).

The hearing judge did not find the appellant credible. In his order dismissing the appellant's petition he stated "[the] [p]etitioner is not worthy of belief on anything, and [] his [p]etition is totally and completely without merit." This Court finds nothing in the record that preponderates against the trial court's findings. We agree wholeheartedly.

PAUL G. SUMMERS, Judge

CONCUR:

JOHN H. PEAY, Judge

CORNELIA A. CLARK, Special Judge