

Synopsis

Appellant was charged with telephone harassment. She was in possession of certain letters which she contends were necessary to construct a viable defense. After seven previous continuances, appellant delivered these letters to her counsel on the morning of trial. Appellant's counsel *orally* requested an eighth continuance which, after a hearing, was denied by the trial court. On appeal, appellant contends her counsel was ineffective for failing to present the request for a continuance to the trial court in *writing*. **Held:** Affirmed. Because the need for a continuance was due to appellant's own failure to deliver the letters to her counsel, her counsel's conduct did not fall below an objective standard of reasonableness.

Gloria L. Perez v. The State of Texas, ___ S.W.2d ___ (Tex. App.–Houston [14th Dist.]; No. 14-97-00947-CV; delivered November 4, 1999).