UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

KESSHAWN NELSON,
Petitioner,
vs.
ORDER ACCEPTING FINDINGS AND
RECOMMENDATIONS OF
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE
JUDGE
Respondent.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636, the Court reviewed the petition, the records on file, and the Report and Recommendation of the United States Magistrate Judge. Further, the Court has engaged in a de novo review of those portions of the Report to which Respondent has objected.

Respondent objects on the ground that the Report does not analyze whether Petitioner's claims are barred on retroactivity grounds under <u>Teague v. Lane</u>, 489 U.S. 288, 310 (1989). Because the Court does not recommend granting habeas relief on any ground here, it is not necessary to address Respondent's <u>Teague</u> argument. <u>See Leavitt v. Arave</u>, 383 F.3d 809, 816 (9th Cir. 2004) ("If a state properly argues that the district court <u>granted</u> a habeas petition on the basis of a new rule of constitutional law that is <u>Teague</u>-barred, we must address the <u>Teague</u>

1	issue first." (citing <u>Horn v. Banks</u> , 536 U.S. 266, 267 (2002) (per curiam))
2	(emphasis added). The Court accepts the findings and recommendation of the
3	Magistrate Judge.
4	IT IS ORDERED that Judgment be entered denying the petition and
5	dismissing this action with prejudice.
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7	DATE: May 20, 2012.
8	HON. S. JAMES OTERO
9	UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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