

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA  
Norfolk Division**

STEVEN JONES, #1893310,

Petitioner,

v.

Civil Action No. 2:21cv176

HAROLD W. CLARKE, Director,  
Virginia Department of Corrections,

Respondent.

**FINAL ORDER**

Before the Court is a Petition for a Writ of *Habeas Corpus* filed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254, ECF No. 4, and the Respondent's Motion to Dismiss. ECF No. 8. In his Petition, the *pro se* Petitioner alleges violation of federal rights pertaining to his convictions in the Southampton County Circuit Court for possession of cocaine with the intent to distribute and possession of marijuana. As a result of the convictions, Petitioner was sentenced to serve fifteen years and thirty days, respectively, with nine years suspended.

The Petition was referred to a United States Magistrate Judge for report and recommendation pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B) and (C) and Local Civil Rule 72 of the Rules of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. The Magistrate Judge's Report and Recommendation filed June 22, 2022, recommends dismissal of the Petition with prejudice. ECF No. 16. On July 13, 2022, Petitioner timely filed objections to the Report and Recommendation. Respondent has not responded to Petitioner's objections and the time to do so has expired.

The Court, having reviewed the record and examined the objections filed by Petitioner to the Report and Recommendation, and having made *de novo* findings with respect to the portions

