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United States Court of Appeals
For the First Circuit

No. 07-2061

ROBIN RAPOSA,
Petitioner, Appellant,

v.

LYNN BISSONETTE, SUPERINTENDENT,
Respondent, Appellee.

APPEAL FROM THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

[Hon. Nancy Gertner, U.S. District Judge]

Before

Boudin, Selya and Dyk,*

Circuit Judges.

Donald A. Harwood for petitioner.
Scott A. Katz, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Bureau,
with whom Martha Coakley, Attorney General, was on brief for
respondent.

September 4, 2008

*Of the Federal Circuit, sitting by designation.

Per Curiam. Petitioner Robin Raposa appeals from the district court's judgment denying her petition for a writ of habeas corpus. 28 U.S.C. § 2254 (2000).

Raposa's petition challenged her Massachusetts state court conviction for first degree murder and conspiracy to commit murder in connection with the death of her husband, Robert Raposa. Although the district court denied relief, it granted a certificate of appealability on several of Raposa claims of asserted error: specifically, that the prosecutor's summation violated Raposa's due process rights, as did aspects of the prosecutor's cross-examination and the state court's subsequent admission of allegedly prejudicial evidence.

The Commonwealth, in turn, argues that Raposa failed to exhaust her federal constitutional claims in the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court ("SJC"). In the alternative, the Commonwealth argues that the SJC's decision was neither contrary to, nor an unreasonable application of, clearly established federal law.

The district court found that Raposa had exhausted her federal claims below, but that there was no error in the SJC's decision warranting a grant of the writ. We have given Raposa's arguments careful consideration but in the end see no reason to differ with, or add to, either part of the district court's thoughtful and well-reasoned opinion.

Affirmed.