

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS **October 17, 2017**  
TENTH CIRCUIT  
Elisabeth A. Shumaker  
Clerk of Court

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff - Appellee,

v.

BRETT W. ELLIS,

Defendant - Appellant.

No. 17-3037  
(D.C. Nos. 2:14-CV-02578-KHV and  
2:12-CR-20093-KHV-DJW-1)  
(D. Kan.)

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**ORDER DENYING CERTIFICATE OF APPEALABILITY\***

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Before **PHILLIPS, McKAY, and McHUGH**, Circuit Judges.

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Appellant seeks a certificate of appealability to appeal the district court's denial of his 28 U.S.C. § 2255 habeas petition.

Following the denial of his motion to suppress evidence found in a search of his residence and computers, Appellant pled guilty to possession of child pornography and was sentenced pursuant to a Rule 11(c)(1)(C) plea agreement to a below-guidelines sentence of seventy-two months. In his § 2255 petition, he raised several claims of ineffective assistance of counsel, all relating to the

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unsuccessful motion to suppress.

The district court denied Appellant's § 2255 petition in a comprehensive twenty-three page order, in which the court analyzed each of Appellant's claims and explained why each claim failed to show constitutionally ineffective advocacy and/or prejudice under the Supreme Court's governing *Strickland* standard. *See Strickland v. Washington*, 466 U.S. 668, 687, 694 (1984).

After thoroughly reviewing Appellant's brief and the record on appeal, we conclude that reasonable jurists would not debate the correctness of the district court's ruling. *See Slack v. McDaniel*, 529 U.S. 473, 484 (2000). For substantially the same reasons given by the district court, we **DENY** Appellant's request for a certificate of appealability and **DISMISS** the appeal.

ENTERED FOR THE COURT

Monroe G. McKay  
Circuit Judge