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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**

Everett Gregory Casteel,

Petitioner,

v.

Maricopa County Sheriff's Department, et
al.,

Respondents.

No. CV-13-01832-PHX-DJH

ORDER

Pending before the Court is the Report and Recommendation of United States Magistrate Judge Bridget S. Bade ("R & R") (Doc. 26), recommending that this Court: (1) grant Respondents' Motion to Transfer Pursuant to Ninth Circuit Rule 22-3 (Doc. 23); (2) deny as moot Respondents' Motion to Stay the Time for Filing an Answer (Doc. 23); (3) deny as moot Petitioner's Motions to Dismiss (Doc. 24) and his Motion to Stay (Doc. 25). R & R (Doc. 26) at 3:1-8. As the R & R allowed, *pro se* Petitioner timely filed his objections (Docs. 27-28).

After reviewing Petitioner's objections, the Court finds them to be without merit, especially in view of the R & R's sound reasoning.

Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED ACCEPTING AND ADOPTING as an Order of this Court Magistrate Judge Bade's R & R (Doc. 26);

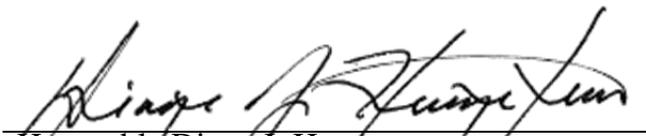
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Petitioner's Amended Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254 (Doc. 7) is referred to the United States

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Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit pursuant to Ninth Circuit Rule 22-3; and

IT IS FINALLY ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court shall administratively close this case.

Dated this 2nd day of February, 2015.


Honorable Diane J. Humetewa
United States District Judge