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

Verne Leslie Watson,
Petitioner,
v.
Ron Credio, et al.,
Respondents.

No. CV-14-02501-PHX-DLR

**ORDER
AND
DENIAL OF CERTIFICATE OF
APPEALABILITY AND IN FORMA
PAUPERIS STATUS**

Pending before the Court is the Report and Recommendation (“R&R”) of Magistrate Judge David K. Duncan, (Doc. 12), regarding Petitioner’s Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus filed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254, (Doc. 1). The R&R recommends that the Petition be denied and dismissed with prejudice. The Magistrate Judge advised the parties that they had fourteen days to file objections to the R&R. (Doc. 12 at 5 (citing 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)).

The Court has considered the objections and reviewed the R&R de novo. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b); 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1) (stating that the court must make a de novo determination of those portions of the R&R to which specific objections are made). The Court agrees with the Magistrate Judge’s determinations, accepts the recommended decision within the meaning of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 72(b), and overrules Petitioner’s objections. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1) (stating that the district court “may accept, reject, or modify, in whole or in part, the findings or recommendations made by the magistrate”).

