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

Steven Michael Fernandez,	)	No. CIV 08-358-TUC-FRZ (BPV)
Petitioner,	)	<b>ORDER</b>
vs.	)	
Charles L. Ryan, et al.,	)	
Respondents.	)	

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Before the Court for consideration in this matter is the Report and Recommendation of the United States Magistrate Judge, recommending the dismissal of the Petition Under 28 U.S.C. § 2254 for a Writ of Habeas Corpus.

As set forth in the Court’s Order screening this action and the Report and Recommendation, Petitioner Steven Michael Fernandez, confined in the Arizona State Prison Complex-Tucson, filed the Petition at issue, alleging (1) a violation of the Sixth and Eighth Amendments because the “sentence exceeds the statutory maximum allowed by law” because it exceeds the presumptive 6.5-year sentence; (2) a violation of the Sixth and Fourteenth Amendments because the sentencing court abused its discretion by imposing a “sentence contrary to the legislative intent . . . enacted by [the] Arizona legislature;” (3) the state court’s failure “to conform with sentencing under Arizona Legislature laws as it pertain to Blak[e]ly and Apprendi violates the 6th, 8th, and 14th Amendment[s] of the U.S. Const., especially when the method of using priors to conform with Blak[e]ly is contrary to Arizona Legislative

1 intent;” and (4) a violation of his Sixth Amendment right to the effective assistance of  
2 counsel.

3       Upon screening, the Court ordered Respondents to file a response to the Petition.  
4 Respondents filed an Answer to the Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus. Petitioner did not  
5 file a reply.

6       This matter was referred to Magistrate Judge Bernardo P. Velasco pursuant to Rules  
7 72.1 and 72.2 of the Local Rules of Civil Procedure for further proceedings and report and  
8 recommendation.

9       Magistrate Judge Velasco issued his Report and Recommendation, recommending that  
10 the Court enter an order denying the Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus and dismissing this  
11 action in its entirety as untimely under the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of  
12 1996, 28 U.S.C. § 22543(d)(“AEDPA”).

13       The Report and Recommendation sets forth the factual and procedural history of  
14 Petitioner’s state court proceedings and the conviction at issue.

15       The Report and Recommendation further advised that “[p]ursuant to 28 U.S.C.  
16 §636(b), any party may serve and file written objections within ten days after being served  
17 with a copy of this Report and Recommendation” and that “[i]f objections are not timely  
18 filed, then the parties' right to *de novo* review by the District Court may be deemed waived.  
19 *See United States v. Reyna-Tapia*, 328 F.3d 1114, 1121 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2003).

20       No objections were filed.

21       The Court finds, after consideration of the matters presented and an independent  
22 review of the record herein, that the Petition should be denied and this action be dismissed  
23 as recommended.

24       Based on the foregoing,

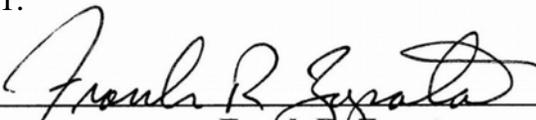
25       IT IS ORDERED that Magistrate Judge Velasco’s Report and Recommendation [Doc.  
26 20] is hereby ACCEPTED AND ADOPTED as the findings of fact and conclusions of law  
27 by this Court;

28       IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus is DENIED;

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that judgment be entered accordingly.

DATED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2011.

  
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**Frank R. Zapata**  
**Senior United States District Judge**