may issue "only if the applicant has made a substantial showing of the denial of a
constitutional right." In the certificate, the court must indicate which specific issues satisfy
this showing. See 28 U.S.C. §2253(c)(3). A substantial showing is made when the
resolution of an issue of appeal is debatable among reasonable jurists, if courts could resolve
the issues differently, or if the issue deserves further proceedings. See Slack v. McDaniel,
529 U.S. 473, 484-85 (2000). Upon review of the record in light of the standards for
granting a certificate of appealability, the Court concludes that a certificate shall not issue
as the resolution of the petition is not debatable among reasonable jurists and does not
deserve further proceedings.
Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:
(1) The Report and Recommendation (Doc. 14) is accepted and adopted.
(2) Petitioner's §2254 habeas petition is denied and this case is dismissed with prejudice.
(3) A Certificate of Appealability is denied and shall not issue.
(4) The Clerk of the Court shall enter judgment and close the file in this case.
DATED this 27 <sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018.

James A. Soto United States District Judge

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