THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS PINE BLUFF DIVISION

CHRISTOPHER NEWTON WHITE

PLAINTIFF

DEFENDANT

5:09CV00177 JMM

LARRY B. NORRIS

ORDER

Pending is Petitioner's Notice of Appeal which the Court deems an Application for Certificate of Appealability. The Court will consider the motion for certificate of appealability under 22(b) of the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure and 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c). In order for this Court to grant a certificate of appealability, the petitioner must make a "substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right." 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2); *Tiedeman v. Benson*, 122 F.3d 518 (8th Cir. 1997). A "substantial showing" is one in which a petitioner demonstrates that his "issues are debatable among jurists of reason; that a court could resolve the issues [in a different manner]; or that the questions are 'adequate to deserve encouragement to proceed further.'" *Barefoot v. Estelle*, 463 U.S. 880, 893 (1983)(discussing necessary showing under previous law dealing with certificates of probable cause).

In this case, Petitioner has failed to make such a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right. Accordingly, the Motion for Certificate of Appealability is DENIED.

Petitioner may file this motion with the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 5th day of April, 2010.

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James M. Moody United States District Judge

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