

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

RICKEY HICE, ADC #149969

PETITIONER

v.

NO. 5:12CV00297 JLH/JTR

RAY HOBBS, Director,  
Arkansas Department of Correction

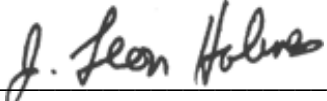
RESPONDENT

**ORDER**

The Court has reviewed the Proposed Findings and Recommended Disposition submitted by United States Magistrate Judge J. Thomas Ray and the filed objections. After carefully considering these documents and making a *de novo* review of the record in this case, the Court concludes that the Proposed Findings and Recommended Disposition should be, and hereby are, approved and adopted in their entirety as this Court's findings in all respects. Judgment will be entered accordingly.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT this petition for a writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2254 is DENIED, and this case is DISMISSED with prejudice. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT a certificate of appealability is DENIED pursuant to Rule 11(a) of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases in the United States District Courts.

DATED this 15th day of July, 2014.

  
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE