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

JACQUES R SLOCUM ADC #152766 **PETITIONER**

v.

Case No. 5:14-cy-00163-JM-JTK

WENDY KELLEY, Director, Arkansas Department of Correction RESPONDENT

ORDER

The Court has received proposed findings and recommendations from United States Magistrate Judge Jerome T. Kearney. After careful review of the findings and recommendations and the timely objections thereto, as well as a *de novo* review of the record, the Court concludes that the findings and recommendations should be, and are hereby, approved and adopted as this Court's findings in all respects in their entirety. Judgment shall be entered accordingly.

The Court will issue a certificate of appealability on Mr. Slocum's ineffective assistance of counsel claims for failure to ask for a competency hearing and failure to present mitigating evidence. 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c).

SO ORDERED 18th day of December, 2015.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE