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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

7 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

8 JOSH THOMAS,

9 Petitioner,

10 v.

11 CALIFORNIA BOARD OF PRISON  
12 TERMS AND PAROLES, et al.,

13 Respondents.

) 1:06-CV-00588 OWW SMS HC

) Appeal No. 08-15249

) ORDER ON REMAND

) ORDER DIRECTING CLERK OF COURT  
) TO SERVE COPY OF ORDER ON NINTH  
) CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS

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15 Petitioner is a state prisoner proceeding pro se with an application for a writ of habeas corpus  
16 pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254.

17 On December 21, 2007, the undersigned issued an order denying the petition on the merits.  
18 On January 11, 2008, Petitioner filed a notice of appeal. On January 15, 2008, the undersigned issued  
19 an order declining a certificate of appealability. The appeal was then processed to the Ninth Circuit  
20 Court of Appeals.

21 On June 11, 2010, the Ninth Circuit remanded the case to this Court for the limited purpose  
22 of granting or denying a certificate of appealability. A state prisoner seeking a writ of habeas corpus  
23 has no absolute entitlement to appeal a district court's denial of his petition, and an appeal is only  
24 allowed in certain circumstances. Miller-El v. Cockrell, 123 S.Ct. 1029, 1039 (2003). The  
25 controlling statute in determining whether to issue a certificate of appealability is 28 U.S.C. § 2253,  
26 which provides as follows:

27 (a) In a habeas corpus proceeding or a proceeding under section 2255 before a  
28 district judge, the final order shall be subject to review, on appeal, by the court  
of appeals for the circuit in which the proceeding is held.

1 (b) There shall be no right of appeal from a final order in a proceeding to test the  
2 validity of a warrant to remove to another district or place for commitment or trial  
3 a person charged with a criminal offense against the United States, or to test the  
4 validity of such person's detention pending removal proceedings.

5 (c) (1) Unless a circuit justice or judge issues a certificate of appealability, an  
6 appeal may not be taken to the court of appeals from—

7 (A) the final order in a habeas corpus proceeding in which the  
8 detention complained of arises out of process issued by a State  
9 court; or

10 (B) the final order in a proceeding under section 2255.

11 (2) A certificate of appealability may issue under paragraph (1) only if the  
12 applicant has made a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right.

13 (3) The certificate of appealability under paragraph (1) shall indicate which  
14 specific issue or issues satisfy the showing required by paragraph (2).

15 If a court denies a petitioner's petition, the court may only issue a certificate of appealability  
16 "if jurists of reason could disagree with the district court's resolution of his constitutional claims or  
17 that jurists could conclude the issues presented are adequate to deserve encouragement to proceed  
18 further." Miller-El, 123 S.Ct. at 1034; Slack v. McDaniel, 529 U.S. 473, 484 (2000). While the  
19 petitioner is not required to prove the merits of his case, he must demonstrate "something more than  
20 the absence of frivolity or the existence of mere good faith on his . . . part." Miller-El, 123 S.Ct. at  
21 1040.

22 In the present case, the Court finds that reasonable jurists would not find the Court's  
23 determination that Petitioner is not entitled to federal habeas corpus relief debatable, wrong, or  
24 deserving of encouragement to proceed further. Petitioner has not made the required substantial  
25 showing of the denial of a constitutional right. Accordingly, the Court hereby DECLINES to issue a  
26 certificate of appealability. The Clerk of Court is DIRECTED to serve a copy of this order on the  
27 Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

28 IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: June 18, 2010

/s/ Oliver W. Wanger  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE