

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

MARCOS VALDEZ MORAN,) 1:08-cv-01788-BAK-SMS HC
Petitioner,) ORDER DENYING
v.) CERTIFICATE OF
WARDEN, SATF-CSP, KEN CLARK,) APPEALABILITY
Respondent.)

Petitioner is a state prisoner proceeding pro se in an application for a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. On November 18, 2008, Petitioner filed his petition. (Doc. 2). On December 19, 2008, Petitioner filed his written consent to the jurisdiction of the United States Magistrate Judge for all purposes. (Doc. 7). On March 19, 2009, the Court issued an Order to Show Cause why the petition should not be dismissed as unexhausted. (Doc. 8). The Order to Show Cause gave Petitioner thirty days in which to respond; however, Petitioner never filed a response.

On July 2, 2009, the Magistrate Judge issued an Order dismissing the petition as unexhausted. (Doc. 13). Judgment was entered the same date. (Doc. 14). On July 6, 2009, Petitioner filed his Notice of Appeal from the dismissal and judgment. (Doc. 14). Although no

1 express request was made by Petitioner for issuance of a certificate of appealability, the notice of
2 appeal shall be deemed to constitute a request for a certificate. See United States v. Asrar, 108
3 F.3d 217, 218 (9th Cir. 1997); Fed. R.App. P. 22(b). The requirement that a petitioner seek a
4 certificate of appealability is a gate-keeping mechanism that protects the Court of Appeals from
5 having to devote resources to frivolous issues, while at the same time affording petitioners an
6 opportunity to persuade the Court that, through full briefing and argument, the potential merit of
7 claims may appear. Lambright v. Stewart, 220 F.3d 1022, 1025 (9th Cir. 2000). However, a
8 state prisoner seeking a writ of habeas corpus has no absolute entitlement to appeal a district
9 court's denial of his petition, and an appeal is only allowed in certain circumstances. Miller-El v.
10 Cockrell, 537 U.S. 322, 335-336 (2003). The controlling statute, 28 U.S.C. § 2253, provides as
11 follows:

- 12 (a) In a habeas corpus proceeding or a proceeding under section 2255 before a district
13 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.
- 14 (b) There shall be no right of appeal from a final order in a proceeding to test the validity
15 of a warrant to remove to another district or place for commitment or trial a person
charged with a criminal offense against the United States, or to test the validity of such
person's detention pending removal proceedings.
- 16 (c)(1) Unless a circuit justice or judge issues a certificate of appealability, an appeal may
not be taken to the court of appeals from--
 - 17 (A) the final order in a habeas corpus proceeding in which the detention
complained of arises out of process issued by a State court; or
 - 18 (B) the final order in a proceeding under section 2255.
- 19 (2) A certificate of appealability may issue under paragraph (1) only if the applicant has
made a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right.
- 20 (3) The certificate of appealability under paragraph (1) shall indicate which specific issue
or issues satisfy the showing required by paragraph (2).

21 Accordingly, final orders issued by a federal district court in habeas corpus proceedings
22 are reviewable by the circuit court of appeals, and, in order to have final orders reviewed, a
23 petitioner must obtain a certificate of appealability. 28 U.S.C. § 2253. This Court will issue a
24 certificate of appealability when a petitioner makes a substantial showing of the denial of a
25 constitutional right. 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2). To make a substantial showing, the petitioner must
26 establish that "reasonable jurists could debate whether (or, for that matter, agree that) the petition

1 should have been resolved in a different manner or that the issues presented were ‘adequate to
2 deserve encouragement to proceed further.’” Slack v. McDaniel, 529 U.S. 473, 484 (2000)
3 (*quoting Barefoot v. Estelle*, 463 U.S. 880, 893 (1983)).

4 In the present case, the Court finds that Petitioner has not made the required substantial
5 showing of the denial of a constitutional right to justify the issuance of a certificate of
6 appealability. Reasonable jurists would not find it debatable that Petitioner has not shown an
7 entitlement to federal habeas corpus relief. Accordingly, the Court hereby ORDERS that
8 Petitioner’s request for a certificate of appealability is DENIED.

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10 IT IS SO ORDERED.

11 Dated: July 10, 2009

12 /s/ Sandra M. Snyder
13 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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