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

STEVEN LEE VARNUM,

Petitioner, 2:04-cv-2659-GEB-CHS-P

13 vs.

RICHARD KIRKLAND, et al.,

Respondents. ORDER

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Petitioner, a state prisoner proceeding pro se, has filed a timely notice of appeal of this court's January 21, 2009 order denying his application for writ of habeas corpus. Before petitioner can appeal this decision, a certificate of appealability must issue. 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c); Fed. R. App. P. 22(b).

A certificate of appealability may issue under 28 U.S.C. § 2253 "if the applicant has made a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right." 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2). The certificate of appealability must "indicate which specific issue or issues satisfy" the requirement. 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(3).

A certificate of appealability should be granted for any issue that petitioner can demonstrate is "debatable among jurists of reason," could be resolved differently by a different

court, or is "adequate to deserve encouragement to proceed further." *Jennings v. Woodford*, 290 F.3d 1006, 1010 (9th Cir. 2002) (quoting *Barefoot v. Estelle*, 463 U.S. 880, 893 (1983)).<sup>1</sup>

Petitioner has made a substantial showing in his petition that his confession was unconstitutionally admitted into evidence at his trial.

Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a certificate of appealability shall issue in the present action.

Dated: February 17, 2009

ARLAND E. BURRELL, JR.

United States District Judge

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Except for the requirement that appealable issues be specifically identified, the standard for issuance of a certificate of appealability is the same as the standard that applied to issuance of a certificate of probable cause. *Jennings*, at 1010.