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

CHARLES AUSTIN PARKS,

No. CIV S-06-2877-FCD-CMK-P

Petitioner,

vs.

ORDER

DAVID L. RUNNELS, et al.,

Respondents.

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Petitioner, a state prisoner proceeding pro se, brings this petition for a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. Pending before the court is petitioner’s request for a certificate of appealability (Doc. 39), filed on June 4, 2009.¹

Petitioner seeks to appeal this court's denial of his application for a 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 “only if the applicant has made a substantial showing of the denial of a

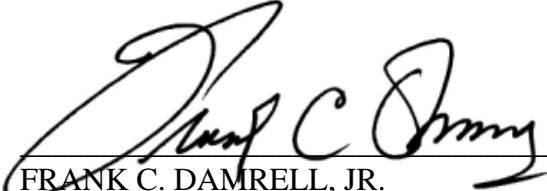
¹ In Houston v. Lack, 487 U.S. 266 (1988), the Supreme Court held that a pro se prisoner’s notice of appeal is deemed “filed” at the moment he delivers it to prison officials for mailing to the court. In calculating dates, the court has given petitioner the benefit of this rule.

1 constitutional right.” 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2). The court must either issue a certificate of
2 appealability indicating which issues satisfy the required showing or must state the reasons why
3 such a certificate should not issue. Fed. R. App. P. 22(b).

4 The timely filing of a notice of appeal is a jurisdictional requirement. See Scott v.
5 Younger, 739 F.2d 1464, 1466 (9th Cir. 1984). The time limit for filing a notice of appeal
6 following entry of judgment is 30 days. See Fed. R. App. P. 4(a). Petitioner's notice of appeal in
7 this action was filed more than 30 days after entry of judgment. It is, therefore, untimely and
8 cannot provide the appellate court with jurisdiction. The issuance of a certificate of appealability
9 cannot vest the court of appeals with jurisdiction if jurisdiction is not proper in that court. Cf.
10 Hayward v. Britt, 572 F.2d 1324, 1325 (9th Cir. 1978) (addressing issuance of a certificate of
11 probable cause). Because petitioner’s notice of appeal is untimely, the court declines to issue a
12 certificate of appealability.

13 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that petitioner’s request for a certificate
14 of appealability (Doc. 39) is denied.

15 DATED: July 14, 2009.

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18 FRANK C. DAMRELL, JR.
19 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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