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

STEVEN R. RODRIGUEZ,
Petitioner,
v.
JOEL MARTINEZ,
Respondent.

No. 2:16-CV-0935-GEB-CMK-P

ORDER

Petitioner, a state prisoner proceeding pro se, brings this petition for a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. The matter was referred to a United States Magistrate Judge pursuant to Eastern District of California local rules.

On October 18, 2016, the Magistrate Judge filed findings and recommendations herein which were served on the parties and which contained notice that the parties may file objections within a specified time. No objections to the findings and recommendations have been filed.

The court has reviewed the file and finds the findings and recommendations to be supported by the record and by the Magistrate Judge's analysis.

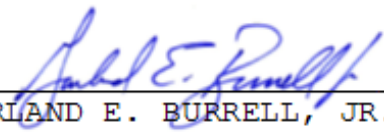
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1 Pursuant to Rule 11(a) of the Federal Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases, the
2 court has considered whether to issue a certificate of appealability. Before petitioner can appeal
3 this decision, a certificate of appealability must issue. See 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c); Fed. R. App. P.
4 22(b). Where the petition is denied on the merits, a certificate of appealability may issue “only if
5 the applicant has made a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right.” 28 U.S.C. §
6 2253(c)(2). The court must either issue a certificate of appealability indicating which issues
7 satisfy the required showing or must state the reasons why such a certificate should not issue. See
8 Fed. R. App. P. 22(b). Where the petition is dismissed on procedural grounds, a certificate of
9 appealability “should issue if the prisoner can show: (1) ‘that jurists of reason would find it
10 debatable whether the district court was correct in its procedural ruling’; and (2) ‘that jurists of
11 reason would find it debatable whether the petition states a valid claim of the denial of a
12 constitutional right.’” Morris v. Woodford, 229 F.3d 775, 780 (9th Cir. 2000) (quoting Slack v.
13 McDaniel, 529 U.S. 473, 120 S.Ct. 1595, 1604 (2000)). For the reasons set forth in the
14 Magistrate Judge’s findings and recommendations, the court finds that issuance of a certificate of
15 appealability is not warranted in this case.

16 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 17 1. The findings and recommendations filed October 18, 2016, are adopted in
18 full;
- 19 2. Respondent’s unopposed motion to dismiss (Doc. 14) is granted;
- 20 3. The court declines to issue a certificate of appealability; and
- 21 4. The Clerk of the Court is directed to enter judgment and close this file.

22 Dated: January 27, 2017

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26 GARIAND E. BURRELL, JR.
27 Senior United States District Judge
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