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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

GEORGE JOHN BOURAS,
Petitioner,
v.
MICHAEL MARTEL,
Respondent.

No. 2:17-cv-00649-TLN-CKD

ORDER

Petitioner George John Bouras (“Petitioner”), a state prisoner proceeding *pro se*, has filed an Application 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 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B) and Local Rule 302.

On March 17, 2021, the magistrate judge filed findings and recommendations herein which were served on Petitioner and which contained that any objections to the findings and recommendations were to be filed within fourteen days. (ECF No. 11.) Petitioner has not filed any objections to the findings and recommendations.

Although it appears from the file that Petitioner’s copy of the Findings and Recommendations was returned, Petitioner was properly served. It is the Petitioner’s responsibility to keep the Court apprised of his current address at all times. Pursuant to Local Rule 182(f), service of documents at the record address of the party is fully effective.

1 The Court has reviewed the file under the applicable legal standards and finds the findings
2 and recommendations to be supported by the record and by the magistrate judge's analysis.

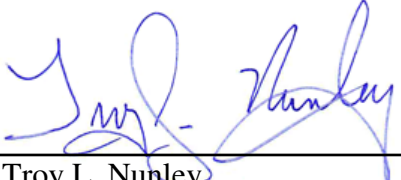
3 Pursuant to Rule 11(a) of the Federal Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases, the Court has
4 considered whether to issue a certificate of appealability. Before Petitioner can appeal this
5 decision, a certificate of appealability must issue. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c); Fed. R. App. P. 22(b).
6 Where the petition is denied on the merits, a certificate of appealability may issue under 28
7 U.S.C. § 2253 “only if the applicant has made a substantial showing of the denial of a
8 constitutional right.” 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2). The Court must either issue a certificate of
9 appealability indicating which issues satisfy the required showing or must state the reasons why
10 such a certificate should not issue. *See* Fed. R. App. P. 22(b). Where the petition is dismissed on
11 procedural grounds, a certificate of appealability “should issue if the prisoner can show: (1) ‘that
12 jurists of reason would find it debatable whether the district court was correct in its procedural
13 ruling’; and (2) ‘that jurists of reason would find it debatable whether the petition states a valid
14 claim of the denial of a constitutional right.’” *Morris v. Woodford*, 229 F.3d 775, 780 (9th Cir.
15 2000) (quoting *Slack v. McDaniel*, 529 U.S. 473, 484–85 (2000)). For the reasons set forth in the
16 Findings and Recommendations (ECF No. 11), the Court finds that issuance of a certificate of
17 appealability is not warranted in this case.

18 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 19 1. The Findings and Recommendations filed March 17, 2021 (ECF No. 11), are
20 ADOPTED IN FULL;
- 21 2. Petitioner's Petition for a Writ of Habeas Corpus (ECF No. 1) is DISMISSED;
- 22 3. The Court declines to issue the certificate of appealability referenced in 28 U.S.C. §
23 2253; and
- 24 4. The Clerk of the Court is directed to close this case.

25 IT IS SO ORDERED.

26 DATED: May 3, 2021

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Troy L. Nunley
United States District Judge