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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

LIONZO ANGEL VILLARREAL,
Petitioner,
v.
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
Respondent.

No. 2:18-cv-03239-TLN-EFB

ORDER

Petitioner Lionzo Angel Villarreal (“Petitioner”), a state prisoner proceeding through counsel, 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 September 25, 2019, the magistrate judge filed findings and recommendations herein which were served on Petitioner and which contained notice to Petitioner that any objections to the findings and recommendations were to be filed within fourteen days. (ECF No. 3.) Petitioner has not filed any objections to the Findings and Recommendations.

Accordingly, the Court presumes that any findings of fact are correct. See *Orand v. United States*, 602 F.2d 207, 208 (9th Cir. 1979). The magistrate judge’s conclusions of law are reviewed de novo. See *Britt v. Simi Valley Unified School Dist.*, 708 F.2d 452, 454 (9th Cir. 1983); see also 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1).

1 Having reviewed the file under the applicable legal standards, the Court 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, 120 S. Ct. 1595, 1604 (2000)).

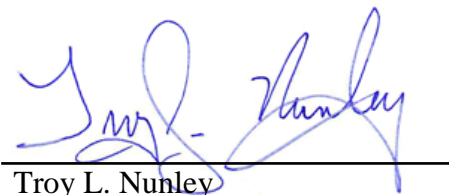
16 For the reasons set forth in the magistrate judge's Findings and Recommendations (ECF
17 No. 3), the Court finds that issuance of a certificate of appealability is not warranted in this case.

18 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 19 1. The Findings and Recommendations filed September 25, 2019 (ECF No. 3), are
20 adopted in full;
- 21 2. The Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (ECF No. 1) is DISMISSED for failure to state
22 a cognizable federal claim; and
- 23 3. The Court declines to issue the certificate of appealability referenced in 28 U.S.C.
24 § 2253(c).

25 IT IS SO ORDERED.

26 Dated: December 18, 2019

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Troy L. Nunley
United States District Judge