Northern District of California

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

MATTHEW AARON BROWN,

Petitioner,

v.

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Respondent.

Case No. 17-cv-03948-JD

Re: Dkt. No. 21

Petitioner's habeas petition was denied on the merits and a certificate of appealability was denied. Petitioner filed a motion to alter or amend the judgement that was also denied. The Ninth Circuit remanded the case for the limited purpose of granting or denying a certificate of appealability with respect to the motion to alter or amend the judgment. See Lynch v. Blodgett, 999 F.2d 401, 403 (9th Cir. 1993) (certificate of probable cause to appeal necessary to appeal denial of post-judgment motion for relief under Rule 60(b)).

The Court grants a certificate of appealability "only if the applicant has made a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right," 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2), and the certificate must indicate which issues satisfy this standard. Id. § 2253(c)(3). "Where a district court has rejected the constitutional claims on the merits, the showing required to satisfy § 2253(c) is straightforward: [t]he petitioner must demonstrate that reasonable jurists would find the district court's assessment of the constitutional claims debatable or wrong." Slack v. McDaniel, 529 U.S. 473, 484 (2000).

Petitioner sought to bring an entirely new claim, and stated that he only recently learned the factual predicate of the claim. Petitioner provided no specific details supporting his assertion of newly discovered evidence to warrant reopening the case. A certificate of appealability

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(Docket No. 21) is **DENIED** for the motion to alter or amend the judgment. The Clerk shall forward this order to the Ninth Circuit in Case No. 18-17363.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: January 7, 2019

JAMES DONATO United States District Judge

Northern District of California United States District Court

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1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 2 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 3 MATTHEW AARON BROWN, 4 Case No. <u>17-cv-03948-JD</u> Plaintiff, 5 v. **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE** 6 PARAMO, 7 Defendant. 8 9 I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am an employee in the Office of the Clerk, U.S. 10 District Court, Northern District of California. 11 12 That on January 7, 2019, I SERVED a true and correct copy(ies) of the attached, by 13 placing said copy(ies) in a postage paid envelope addressed to the person(s) hereinafter listed, by 14 depositing said envelope in the U.S. Mail, or by placing said copy(ies) into an inter-office delivery 15 receptacle located in the Clerk's office. 16 17 Matthew Aaron Brown ID: AW-1636 R.J. Donovan Correctional Facility D-19-127 18 480 Alta Rd. San Diego, CA 92179 19 20 21 Dated: January 7, 2019 22 Susan Y. Soong 23 Clerk, United States District Court 24 25 26

LISA R. CLARK, Deputy Clerk to the Honorable JAMES DONATO