NOT FOR CITATION IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CARMEN RAY MALDONADO, JR.,

Petitioner,

Vs.

JUDGE STEVEN R. SANDERS, et al.,

Respondents.

No. C 08-05494 JF (PR)

ORDER DENYING CERTIFICATE

OF APPEALABILITY

(Docket No. 8)

On April 30, 2009, the Court dismissed the instant civil rights action without prejudice for Petitioner's failure to pay the filing fee or file a completed <u>in forma pauperis</u> application. (Docket No. 4.) A judgment of dismissal without prejudice was entered. On June 3, 2009, Petitioner filed a notice of appeal, which the Court construes as a motion for a certificate of appealability. (Docket No. 8.)

A petitioner may not appeal a final order in a federal habeas corpus proceeding without first obtaining a certificate of appealability (formerly known as a certificate of probable cause to appeal). See 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c); Fed. R. App. P. 22(b). A judge shall grant a certificate of appealability "only if the applicant has made a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right." 28 U.S.C. §

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2253(c)(2). The certificate must indicate which issues satisfy this standard. See id. § 2253(c)(3).

Petitioner has not shown "that jurists of reason would find it debatable whether the petition states a valid claim of the denial of a constitutional right and that jurists of reason would find it debatable whether the district court was correct in its procedural ruling." Slack v. McDaniel, 529 U.S. 473, 484 (2000). Accordingly, the motion for a certificate of appealability is DENIED.

The Clerk shall forward this order, along with the case file, to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, from which Petitioner may also seek a certificate of appealability. See United States v. Asrar, 116 F.3d 1268, 1270 (9th Cir. 1997).

United States Detrict Judge

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: ____1/4/10

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