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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

KEITH THOMAS,

Petitioner,

vs.

MATTHEW CATE, Secretary,

Respondent.

CASE NO. 13cv863-MMA (WVG)

**ORDER DENYING MOTION AND
DECLINING TO ISSUE
CERTIFICATE OF APPEALABILITY;**

[Doc. No. 6]

**DENYING MOTION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL ON
APPEAL**

[Doc. No. 7]

On April 11, 2013, the Court dismissed Petitioner's Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus for lack of jurisdiction. [See Doc. No. 3.] Now, Petitioner requests a certificate of appealability and the appointment of counsel on appeal. [Doc. Nos. 6-7.] The Court declines to issue a certificate of appealability, and denies Petitioner's request for appointment of counsel.

CERTIFICATE OF APPEALABILITY

"The district court must issue or deny a certificate of appealability when it enters a final order adverse to the applicant." Rule 11 foll. 28 U.S.C. § 2254. A petitioner may not seek an appeal of a claim arising out of a state court detention unless the petitioner first obtains a certificate of appealability from a district judge or circuit judge under 28 U.S.C. § 2253. Fed. R. App. P. 22(b). When a petition is, as here, dismissed on procedural grounds, a certificate of

1 appealability should be granted only if two elements are satisfied: (1) “jurists of reason would find
2 it debatable whether the petition states a valid claim of the denial of a constitutional right”; and (2)
3 “jurists of reason would find it debatable whether the district court was correct in its procedural
4 ruling.” *Slack v. McDaniel*, 529 U.S. 473, 484-85 (2000). As each of these components is a
5 “threshold inquiry,” the federal court “may find that it can dispose of the application in a fair and
6 prompt manner if it proceeds first to resolve the issue whose answer is more apparent from the
7 record and arguments.” *Id.* at 485.

8 As the Court noted in its order dismissing this action, the Court lacks jurisdiction over this
9 matter because neither Petitioner nor the inmates he seeks to proceed on behalf of are confined in
10 the Southern District of California.¹ *See* 28 U.S.C. § 2241(d); *Braden v. 30th Judicial Circuit*
11 *Court*, 410 U.S. 484, 497 (1973). Petitioner has not shown that jurists of reason would find
12 anything debatable in the procedural ruling that this Court lacks jurisdiction. Thus, the Court need
13 not decide whether the application states a valid constitutional claim. *See Slack*, 529 U.S. at 485.

14 Accordingly, the Court **DENIES** Petitioner’s motion and **DECLINES** to issue a certificate
15 of appealability in this case. Further, the Court **DENIES** Petitioner’s motion for appointment of
16 counsel on appeal.

17 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

18 DATED: May 8, 2013



Hon. Michael M. Anello
United States District Judge

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¹The Court’s previous order, however, did provide Petitioner the opportunity to proceed in a
Court with proper jurisdiction.