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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA TALLAHASSEE DIVISION

| Case No. 4:09cv241-SPM/WCS |
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REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION TO TRANSFER § 2254 PETITION

Petitioner filed a petition for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254 and motion to proceed in forma pauperis. Docs. 1 and 2.

Petitioner is currently incarcerated at Everglades Correctional Institution, and challenges the judgment of the Fourth Judicial Circuit Court in Duval County, Florida. Jurisdiction is appropriate in the Southern and Middle Districts, as the districts of confinement and conviction, respectively. 28 U.S.C. § 2241(d).

The district of conviction would appear to be the most convenient and appropriate venue, and the petition should be transferred to the Middle District of Florida. § 2241(d). See also, Parker v. Singletary, 974 F.2d 1562, 1582 and nn. 114 and 118 (11th Cir. 1992) (finding transfer "in furtherance of justice" under § 2241(d), citations omitted); Eagle v. Linahan, 279 F.3d 926, 933, n. 9 (11th Cir. 2001) (noting that the practice in district courts in Georgia was to transfer petitions to the district of conviction under § 2241(d)).

It is therefore respectfully **RECOMMENDED** that the case file and any service copies be **TRANSFERRED** to the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida for all further proceedings.

IN CHAMBERS at Tallahassee, Florida on September 15, 2009.

s/ William C. Sherrill, Jr.
WILLIAM C. SHERRILL, JR.
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

NOTICE TO PARTIES

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