

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA  
ATHENS DIVISION

JEROME HOWARD,

Petitioner

VS.

DON JARRIEL, WARDEN,

Respondent

NO. 3:07-CV-21 (CDL)

PROCEEDINGS UNDER 28 U.S.C. §2254  
BEFORE THE U. S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE

**ORDER DENYING APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL**

Petitioner herein has requested this court to provide legal representation to him in the above-captioned §2254 proceeding. Tab #9. Upon a review of his petition, the court finds that the issues set forth therein are properly raised and adequately set forth petitioner's contentions. They are not so complex as to require appointment of legal counsel to represent his legal interests at this time.

The court on its own motion will consider appointing legal counsel for the petitioner if and when it becomes apparent that legal assistance is required in order to avoid prejudice to his rights. Certainly, if an evidentiary hearing is required, counsel will be provided for the petitioner.

Accordingly, at the present time, petitioner's motion for appointment of legal counsel is DENIED.

SO ORDERED, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of MARCH, 2007.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Claude W. Hicks, Jr.".

CLAUDE W. HICKS, JR.  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE