IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA 2017 JUL 27 SAVANNAH DIVISION

JOSHUA JERMAINE DUNSON,)
Petitioner,)
V.)
VANCE LAUGHLIN,)
)
Respondent.)

CASE NO. CV417-087

ORDER

Before the Court is the Magistrate Judge's Report and Recommendation, to which no objections have been filed. (Doc. 8.) After a careful review of the record, the report and recommendation is **ADOPTED** as the Court's opinion in this case. As a result, Petitioner's 28 U.S.C. § 2254 petition is **DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE**.

In addition, the Court **DECLINES** to issue a Certificate of Appealability ("COA") in this case. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c), an appeal may not be taken in this matter unless the court first issues a COA. This certificate may issue only if Petitioner has made a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right. <u>Slack v. McDaniel</u>, 529 U.S. 473, 484 (2000). The Court has carefully considered Petitioner's case and finds that he cannot meet the above standard. As a result, any request by Petitioner for leave to appeal in forma pauperis would be moot. The Clerk of Court is **DIRECTED** to close this case.

SO ORDERED this 27 day of July 2017.

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