In the United States **Aistrict Court** For the Southern **Aistrict of Georgia** Waycross **Aibision**

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ORDER

After an independent and *de novo* review of the record, the undersigned concurs with the Magistrate Judge's March 6, 2017, Report and Recommendation, dkt. no. 20, to which Petitioner John T. Alexander ("Alexander") filed Objections, dkt. no. 21. A review of Alexander's Objections fails to reveal that he is entitled to equitable tolling of the statute of limitations applicable to his Section 2254 Petition.

Accordingly, the Court **ADOPTS** the Report and Recommendation of the Magistrate Judge as the opinion of the Court, and **OVERRULES** Alexander's Objections. The Court **DISMISSES**, without prejudice, Alexander's Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus filed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. The Court also **DENIES** Alexander leave to appeal *in forma pauperis* and a certificate of appealability. The Court **DIRECTS** the Clerk of Court to enter the appropriate judgment of dismissal and to **CLOSE** this case.

SO ORDERED, this _____ day of ____ , 2017.

HON. LISA GODBEY WOOD, JUDGE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA