

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

LAVON L. SELLERS

CIVIL ACTION

VERSUS

NO: 09-6271

STEVE RADER, WARDEN

SECTION: R(4)

ORDER

Before the Court are Lavon Sellers' Petition for a Writ of Habeas Corpus¹ and his objection² to the Magistrate Judge's Report and Recommendation that the petition be dismissed with prejudice.³ The Court, having reviewed *de novo* the petition, the record, the applicable law, the Magistrate Judge's Report and Recommendation, and the petitioner's objection thereto, hereby approves the Magistrate Judge's Report and Recommendation and adopts it as its opinion.

Furthermore, Rule 11 of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Proceedings provides that "[t]he district court must issue or deny a certificate of appealability when it enters a final order adverse to the applicant. Before entering the final order, the court may direct the parties to submit arguments on whether a certificate should issue." RULES GOVERNING SECTION 2254 PROCEEDINGS, Rule 11(a). A court may issue a certificate of appealability

¹ R. Doc. 1.

² R. Doc. 18.

³ R. Doc. 17.

only if the petitioner makes "a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right." 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2); RULES GOVERNING SECTION 2254 PROCEEDINGS, Rule 11(a) (noting that § 2253(c)(2) supplies the controlling standard). In *Miller-El v. Cockrell*, the Supreme Court held that the "controlling standard" for a certificate of appealability requires the petitioner to show "that reasonable jurists could debate whether (or, for that matter, agree that) the petition should have been resolved in a different manner or that the issues presented [are] 'adequate to deserve encouragement to proceed further.'" 537 U.S. 322, 336 (2003).

Sellers' petition is clearly time-barred, and that determination would not engender debate among reasonable jurists.

Accordingly,

Lavon Sellers' petition for a writ of habeas corpus is DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE. The Court will not issue a certificate of appealability.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this 25th day of March, 2011.



SARAH S. VANCE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE