

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

BRANDON BRUE (#507020)

CIVIL ACTION

VERSUS

NO. 13-60-JWD-RLB

BURL CAIN, WARDEN

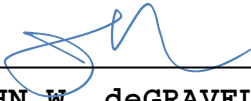
OPINION

After independently reviewing the entire record in this case and for the reasons set forth in the Magistrate Judge's Report dated February 16, 2016, to which an objection was filed:

**IT IS ORDERED** that the petitioner's application for habeas corpus relief is denied and that this proceeding is dismissed.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that in the event that the petitioner pursues an appeal in this case, a certificate of appealability is granted with regard to the issue whether the admission of the handwritten statement purportedly made by Yarnell Brue may be seen to have been error of such magnitude as to result in "grave doubt" that the error was not harmless in light of the totality of the evidence at trial.

Signed in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on March 11, 2016.

  
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JUDGE JOHN W. deGRAVELLES  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
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