

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

PHILLIP SKIPPER

VERSUS

BURL CAIN, ET AL.

CIVIL ACTION

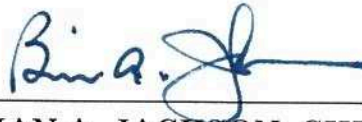
NO. 14-651-BAJ-RLB

**RULING**

The Court has carefully considered the petition, the record, the law applicable to this action, and the Report and Recommendation of United States Magistrate Judge Richard L. Bourgeois, Jr. dated November 6, 2017<sup>1</sup>. The Petitioner filed an objection<sup>2</sup> which merely restates his prior argument.

The Court hereby approves the report and recommendation of the magistrate judge and adopts it as the Court's opinion herein. Accordingly, the Petitioner's application for habeas corpus relief is DENIED, and this proceeding is DISMISSED. Further, in the event the Petitioner pursues an appeal in this case, a certificate of appealability is DENIED.

Signed in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on January 9, 2018.



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BRIAN A. JACKSON, CHIEF JUDGE  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
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1 R. Doc. 13

2 R. Doc. 14