

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA  
MONROE DIVISION**

**WILLARD POTTER**

**CIVIL ACTION NO. 14-0581**

**VERSUS**

**SECTION P**

**JUDGE ROBERT G. JAMES**

**STATE OF LOUISIANA AND  
SHERIFF J. RUSSELL**

**MAGISTRATE JUDGE KAREN L. HAYES**

**CERTIFICATE OF APPEALABILITY**

A final order having been filed in the above-captioned habeas case, the Court, considering the record in this case, the requirements of 28 U.S.C. § 2253, and the Supreme Court's decision in Slack v. McDaniel, 529 U.S. 473, 478 (2000), hereby finds that:

The certificate of appealability is DENIED because the applicant has failed to show that jurists of reason would find it debatable whether the district court was correct in its procedural ruling.

**MONROE, LOUISIANA**, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014.

  
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**ROBERT G. JAMES**  
**UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**