UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA SHREVEPORT DIVISION

KENNETH STEELMAN

VERSUS

BURL CAIN

CIVIL ACTION NO. 15-0239

JUDGE S. MAURICE HICKS, JR.

MAGISTRATE JUDGE HORNSBY

JUDGMENT

For the reasons assigned in the Report and Recommendation of the Magistrate Judge previously filed herein (Record Document 16), and having thoroughly reviewed the record, including the written objections filed (Record Document 21), and concurring with the findings of the Magistrate Judge under the applicable law;

IT IS ORDERED that the petition for writ of habeas corpus is **DENIED**.

Rule 11 of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Proceedings for the U.S. District Courts requires the district court to issue or deny a certificate of appealability when it enters a final order adverse to the applicant. The court, after considering the record in this case and the standard set forth in 28 U.S.C. Section 2253, denies a certificate of appealability because the applicant has not made a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED in Shreveport, Louisiana, this the 29th day of March, 2018.

S. MAURICE HICKS, JR., CHIEF JUDG UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT