

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

LEONARD CARTER,

Petitioner,

Civil No. 2:14-cv-12787

Honorable Patrick J. Duggan

v.

DUNCAN MACLAREN,

Respondent.

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**ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO AMEND HABEAS PETITION**

Petitioner Leonard Carter filed a petition for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. Respondent has not yet filed a response to the petition. Before the Court is Petitioner's motion to file an amended petition.

Petitioner requests that the Court permit him to file an amended petition altering his third habeas claim. A brief in support of the new claim has been included with the motion. Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 15 provides that the Court should freely allow a party to amend when justice so requires. FED. R. CIV. P. 15(a)(2). Here, the Court concludes that Respondent will not be prejudiced by allowing Petitioner to file his amended petition.

Accordingly, the Court **GRANTS** Petitioner's motion to amend his habeas petition.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Dated: **November 3, 2014**

s/PATRICK J. DUGGAN  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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