

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

Alvin Junior Greer #159850,

Petitioner,

Case No. 1:09-cv-00034

v.

Honorable Janet T. Neff

Shirlee A. Harry ,

Respondent.

**AMENDED ORDER REGARDING LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS* ON
APPEAL**

This is a habeas corpus action brought by a state prisoner pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254, challenging his conviction for armed robbery and as a habitual offender. On January 5, 2012, the Court entered an opinion and order dismissing the petition. The Court also denied Petitioner a certificate of appealability. The order of dismissal followed the Court’s *de novo* review of Petitioner’s objections to the report and recommendation of the magistrate judge. Petitioner has now filed a notice of appeal (docket #33) and a motion for certificate of appealability (docket #37).

Sixth Circuit Internal Operating Procedure 5.1 provides that a \$450.00 docketing fee and a \$5.00 filing fee must be paid to the district court when a notice of appeal is filed. Petitioner was permitted to proceed before this Court *in forma pauperis*. Pursuant to Rule 24(a) of the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure, he may continue that status on appeal unless this court certifies that his appeal is not taken in good faith. Good faith is judged objectively and an appeal is taken in good faith when it seeks review of an issue which is not frivolous. *Coppedge v. United States*, 369 U.S. 438, 445 (1961). Detailed reasons for dismissal of the petition were provided in the report and

recommendation (docket #26), which was adopted by this Court. The Court reaffirms its decision and finds that the issues on which Petitioner might seek review are frivolous. The Court, therefore, certifies that the appeal is not taken in good faith.

Petitioner also seeks a certificate of appealability. In its opinion and final order dismissing the habeas action, the Court also denied Petitioner a certificate of appealability. For the reasons set forth in the January 5, 2012 opinion, the Court reaffirms its denial of a certificate of appealability. Accordingly:

IT IS ORDERED that Petitioner is DENIED leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* on appeal. The Court certifies that the appeal is not taken in good faith. If Petitioner wishes to proceed with his appeal, he must pay the \$455.00 appellate fee to the Clerk of this Court with 28 days of this order. Alternatively, Petitioner may file a motion for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in the Court of Appeals pursuant to the requirement set forth in FED. R. APP. P. 24(a)(5).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Petitioner's motion for certificate of appealability (docket # 37) is DENIED.

Dated: February 22, 2012

/s/ Janet T. Neff
Janet T. Neff
United States District Judge