

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
NORTHERN DIVISION

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WILLIAM HARRIS,

Petitioner,

Case No. 2:16-CV-157

v.

HON. GORDON J. QUIST

DUNCAN MACLAREN,

Respondent.

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**ORDER ADOPTING**  
**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION**

The Court has reviewed the Report and Recommendation by the United States Magistrate Judge in this action (ECF No. 6), which was served on Petitioner on September 20, 2016. No objections have been filed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b). Accordingly, the Court will adopt the Report and Recommendation.

Under 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2), the Court must also determine whether a certificate of appealability should be granted. A certificate should issue if Petitioner has demonstrated a “substantial showing of a denial of a constitutional right.” 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2). The Sixth Circuit has disapproved issuance of blanket denials of a certificate of appealability. *Murphy v. Ohio*, 263 F.3d 466, 467 (6th Cir. 2001). Rather, the district court must “engage in a reasoned assessment of each claim” to determine whether a certificate is warranted. *Id.* at 467. Each issue must be considered under the standards set forth by the Supreme Court in *Slack v. McDaniel*, 529 U.S. 473, 120 S. Ct. 1595 (2000). *Murphy*, 263 F.3d at 467. Consequently, this Court has examined Petitioner’s claims under the *Slack* standard.

