

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

MICHAEL B. WOOLMAN,	)	4:11CV3044
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Petitioner,	)	
	)	
v.	)	<b>MEMORANDUM</b>
	)	<b>AND ORDER</b>
LANCASTER COUNTY	)	
CORRECTIONS,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	

On July 5, 2011, the court dismissed Petitioner’s habeas corpus claims and entered Judgment against him. (Filing Nos. [15](#) and [16](#).) On July 19, 2011, Petitioner filed a Notice of Appeal. (Filing No. [17](#).)

However, before Petitioner may appeal the dismissal of his Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus, a “certificate of appealability” must issue. Pursuant to the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996 (“AEDPA”), the right to appeal such a dismissal is governed by [28 U.S.C. § 2253\(c\)](#), which states:

- (c)(1) Unless a circuit justice or judge issues a certificate of appealability, an appeal may not be taken to the court of appeals from—
  - (A) the final order in a habeas corpus proceeding in which the detention complained of arises out of process issued by a State court; . . . .
- (2) A certificate of appealability may issue under paragraph (1) only if the applicant has made a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right.
- (3) The certificate of appealability under paragraph (1) shall indicate which specific issue or issues satisfy the showing required by

paragraph(2).<sup>1</sup>

A certificate of appealability may issue only if the applicant has made a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right. *See* [28 U.S.C. § 2253\(c\)\(2\)](#). Such a showing requires a demonstration “that reasonable jurists could debate whether (or, for that matter, agree that) the petition should have been resolved in a different manner or that the issues presented were adequate to deserve encouragement to proceed further.” [Slack v. McDaniel, 529 U.S. 473, 484 \(2000\)](#) (internal quotation marks omitted), citing [Barefoot v. Estelle, 463 U.S. 894 \(1983\)](#) (defining pre-AEDPA standard for a certificate of probable cause to appeal).

Petitioner has not filed a motion for a certificate of appealability or a brief in support. (*See* Docket Sheet.) Thus, this matter cannot proceed on appeal until the question of the certificate of appealability is considered. Petitioner shall have 30 days to file a motion for certificate of appealability and a brief in support.

Also pending is Petitioner’s Motion for Leave to Appeal in forma pauperis. (Filing No. [18](#).) Because Petitioner has paid the appellate filing fee in full, this Motion is moot. (*See* Docket Sheet.)

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Petitioner shall have until September 29, 2011, to file a motion for Certificate of Appealability and a brief in support.

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<sup>1</sup>Similarly, [Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 22\(b\)](#), as amended by the AEDPA, indicates that in an action pursuant to [28 U.S.C. § 2254](#), a notice of appeal triggers the requirement that the district judge who rendered the judgment either issue a certificate of appealability or state the reasons why such a certificate should not issue. *See generally* [Tiedeman v. Benson, 122 F.3d 518, 521 \(8th Cir. 1997\)](#).

2. In the event that Petitioner fails to file a motion and brief, as set forth in this Memorandum and Order, the court will deny the issuance of a certificate of appealability without further notice.

3. The Clerk of the court is directed to set a pro se case management in this case with the following text: September 29, 2011: check for filing of motion for certificate of appealability.

4. Petitioner's Motion for Leave to Appeal in forma pauperis (filing no. [18](#)) is denied as moot.

DATED this 30<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2011.

BY THE COURT:

*Richard G. Kopf*

United States District Judge

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