## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

JONATHAN THOMAS,

Petitioner,

Civ. No. 21-16164 (NLH)

V.

MEMORANDUM OPINION & ORDER

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE : STATE OF NEW JERSEY, et al., :

Respondents.

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## APPEARANCE:

Jonathan Thomas 138517D 8426 New Jersey State Prison PO Box 861 Trenton, NJ 08625

## Petitioner Pro se

John T. Lenahan, Salem County Prosecutor David Galemba, Assistant Prosecutor Salem County Prosecutor's Office Fenwick Building 87 Market Street P.O. Box 462 Salem, NJ 08079

Attorneys for Respondent

## HILLMAN, District Judge

WHEREAS, Petitioner Jonathan Thomas filed a petition for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254, see ECF No. 1; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Robert B. Kugler, D.N.J., ordered Respondent to answer the petition, ECF No. 3; and

WHEREAS, this matter was reassigned to the undersigned on February 25, 2022, ECF No. 7; and

WHEREAS, Respondent filed a motion for an extension to file its answer, ECF No. 8; and

WHEREAS, Respondent has since filed its response, ECF No. 9,

THEREFORE, IT IS on this <u>25th</u> day of <u>April</u>, 2022

ORDERED that Respondent's motion for an extension, ECF No.

8, be, and hereby is, granted. The answer is deemed timely filed; and it is further

ORDERED that Petitioner may file a traverse within 45 days of this Order; and it is finally

ORDERED that the Clerk shall send Petitioner a copy of this Order by regular mail.

At Camden, New Jersey

s/ Noel L. Hillman
NOEL L. HILLMAN, U.S.D.J.