

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
WESTERN DIVISION

William Fears, :  
Petitioner(s), :  
vs. : Case Number: 1:16cv805  
Warden, London Correctional Institution, : Judge Susan J. Dlott  
Respondent(s) :  
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ORDER

This matter is before the Court pursuant to the Order of General Reference in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio Western Division to United States Magistrate Judge Stephanie K. Bowman. Pursuant to such reference, the Magistrate Judge reviewed the pleadings and filed with this Court on August 2, 2017 a Report and Recommendation (Doc. 27). Subsequently, the petitioner filed objections to such Report and Recommendation (Docs. 29 and 30).

The Court has reviewed the comprehensive findings of the Magistrate Judge and considered de novo all of the filings in this matter. Upon consideration of the foregoing, the Court does determine that such Recommendation should be adopted.

Accordingly, respondent's motion to dismiss (Doc. 19) is GRANTED. Petitioner's petition for a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §2254 (Doc. 3) is DISMISSED with prejudice.

A certificate of appealability will not issue with respect to any of petitioner's time-barred claims because under the first prong of the applicable two-part standard enunciated in *Slack v. McDaniel*, 529 U.S. 473, 484-85 (2000), "jurists of reason" will not find it debatable whether the

Court is correct in its procedural ruling that such claims are subject to dismissal on statute of limitations grounds.

With respect to any application by petitioner to proceed on appeal *in forma pauperis*, the Court will certify pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1915(a)(3) that an appeal of any Order adopting the Report and Recommendation will not be taken in “good faith.” Therefore petitioner is DENIED leave to appeal *in forma pauperis* upon a showing of financial necessity. *See* Fed. R. App. P. 24(a); *Kincade v. Sparkman*, 117 F.3d 949, 952 (6<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1997).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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s/Susan J. Dlott  
Judge Susan J. Dlott  
United States District Court