

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

Pele Bradford,

Petitioner(s),

vs.

Warden, Ohio State Penitentiary,

Respondent(s).

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Case Number: 1:18cv215

Judge Susan J. Dlott

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 Karen L. Litkovitz. Pursuant to such reference, the Magistrate Judge reviewed the pleadings and filed with this Court on February 4, 2019 a Report and Recommendation (Doc. 48). Subsequently, the plaintiff filed objections to such Report and Recommendation (Doc. 51).

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, petitioner’s petition for a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §2254 (Doc. 3) is DENIED with prejudice.

A certificate of appealability will not issue with respect to the claims alleged in the petition, which this Court has concluded are waived and thus procedurally barred from review, 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 this Court is correct in its procedural ruling.

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 showing of financial necessity. See Fed. R. App. P. 24(a); *Kincade v. Sparkman*, 117 F.3d 949, 952 (6th Cir. 1997).

IT IS SO ORDERED.



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Judge Susan J. Drott  
United States District Court