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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

MARK WALLACE a/k/a MARK : CIVIL ACTION GREEN, NO. 05-6197

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Petitioner,

:

V.

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JAMES WYDNER, JR. et al.,

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Respondents. :

ORDER

AND NOW, this 15th day of January, 2010, for the reasons provided in the accompanying Memorandum, it is hereby ORDERED:

- The Report and Recommendation (doc. no. 69) is
 APPROVED and ADOPTED.
- Petitioner's Objections to the Report and Recommendation, Response, and Reply (doc. nos. 70, 74, 78, respectively) are OVERRULED.
- 3. Petitioner's Petition for Habeas Corpus (doc. no.
 - 1) is **DENIED** and **DISMISSED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a certificate of appealability shall not issue and that this case shall be marked CLOSED.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

EDUARDO C. ROBRENO, J.

A prisoner seeking a writ of habeas corpus has no absolute entitlement to appeal a district court's denial of his petition. 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(1). Rather, a district court must first issue a certificate of appealability (COA). Id. "A [COA] may issue . . . only if the applicant has made a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right." Id. at § 2253(c)(2). To make such a showing, petitioner "must demonstrate that reasonable jurists would find the district court's assessment of the constitutional claims debatable or wrong," Tennard v. Dretke, 542 U.S. 274, 282 (2004) (quoting Slack v. McDaniel, 529 U.S. 473, 484 (2000)), or that "the issues presented were 'adequate to deserve encouragement to proceed further.'" Miller-El v. Cockrell, 537 U.S. 322, 335-36 (2003) (quoting Barefoot v. Estelle, 463 U.S. 880, 893 n.4 (1983)). Petitioner has not made the requisite showing in these circumstances.