

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

STEVEN LAZAR,	:	
	:	
Petitioner,	:	CIVIL ACTION
	:	No. 14-6907
v.	:	
	:	
BRIAN V. COLEMAN,	:	
	:	
Respondent.	:	

ORDER

This 1st day of March, 2017, upon careful and independent review of the petition for a writ of habeas corpus and consideration of the thorough and well-reasoned Report and Recommendation filed by U.S. Magistrate Judge M. Faith Angell, for the reasons expressed in my accompanying Memorandum it is hereby **ORDERED** that:

1. The petition for a writ of habeas corpus is **DENIED**.
2. A certificate of appealability under 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2) is **ISSUED** as to whether, under 28 U.S.C. § 2254(d)(1), the state courts in this case unreasonably applied the prejudice prong of *Strickland v. Washington*, 466 U.S. 668 (1984).

 /s/ Gerald Austin McHugh
United States District Judge