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

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DAMON TODD CAREY,

Petitioner

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v.

CIVIL NO. 3:CV-14-1181

WARDEN CAPTAIN SPAULDING,

: (Judge Conaboy)

Respondent

MEMORANDUM Background

Damon Todd Carey, an inmate presently confined at the Allenwod United States Penitentiary, White Deer, Pennsylvania (USP-Allenwood), filed this <u>pro se</u> petition for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241. Service of the petition was previously ordered.

On October 17, 2016, Petitioner filed a "Motion to Withdraw." Doc. 20. The motion states that "Petitioner wishes withdraw" the above petition. $\underline{\text{Id}}$.

Under the standards announced in <u>United States v. Miller</u>, 197 F.3d 644 (3d Cir. 1999) and <u>Mason v. Meyers</u>, 208 F.3d 414 (3d Cir. 2000), a pro se litigant is allowed opportunity to voluntarily withdraw a federal habeas corpus petition.

¹ <u>Miller</u> and <u>Mason</u> sought to prevent <u>pro</u> <u>se</u> litigants from unintentionally defaulting federal habeas corpus claims through failure to assert them in a single petition.

Based upon an application of the standards announced in Miller and Mason to Carey's announced intention to withdraw his instant petition, his request for voluntary dismissal will be granted. The dismissal will be entered without prejudice. An appropriate Order will issue.

RICHARD P. CONABOY

United States District Judge

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DATED: OCTOBER / 1, 2016