

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

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| <p>WILLIAM S. RITTER, JR., Petitioner</p> <p style="text-align: center;">v.</p> <p>JOHN TUTTLE, et al., Respondents</p> | <p>:</p> <p>:</p> <p>:</p> <p>:</p> <p>:</p> <p>:</p> <p>:</p> <p>:</p> <p>:</p> | <p>No. 3:15cv1235</p> <p>(Judge Munley)</p> <p>:(Magistrate Judge Carlson)</p> |
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ORDER

AND NOW, to wit, this 14th day of December 2018, it is hereby **ORDERED** as follows:

- 1) The petitioner’s objections to the magistrate judge’s report and recommendation (Doc. 44) are **OVERRULED**;
- 2) The magistrate judge’s report and recommendation (Doc. 43) is **ADOPTED** in that William S. Ritter, Jr.’s habeas corpus petition is **DENIED**;
- 3) For the reasons set forth in the accompanying memorandum, we decline to issue a certificate of appealability; and
- 4) The Clerk of Court is directed to close this case.

BY THE COURT:

s/ James M. Munley
JUDGE JAMES M. MUNLEY
United States District Court