

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

SHAMAR L. BANKS,	:	
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Petitioner	:	
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v.	:	CIVIL NO. 4:CV-13-1608
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J. C. HOLLAND, WARDEN,	:	(Judge Brann)
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Respondent	:	

**MEMORANDUM**

August 14, 2013

**Background**

This pro se habeas corpus action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254 was filed in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky by Shamar L. Banks, an inmate presently confined at the McCreary United States Penitentiary, Pine Knot, Kentucky, (USP-McCreary). Named as Respondent is USP-McCreary Warden J.C. Holland. By Order dated June 14, 2013, Petitioner’s action was transferred to this Court.

Petitioner seeks federal habeas corpus relief pursuant to § 2254 with respect to a guilty plea which he entered in multiple criminal cases in the Court of Common Pleas of York County, Pennsylvania.

This Court issued an Order on July 12, 2013 which advised Petitioner, in accordance with United States v. Miller, 197 F.3d 644 (3d Cir. 1999) and Mason v. Meyers, 208 F.3d 414 (3d Cir. 2000), that (1) he could have the petition ruled on as filed, that is, as a § 2254 petition for writ of habeas corpus and heard as such, but lose his ability to file a second or successive petition absent certification by the Court of Appeals, or (2) withdraw his petition and file one all-inclusive § 2254 petition within the one-year statutory period prescribed by the Antiterrorism Effective Death Penalty Act (“AEDPA”).<sup>1</sup> See Doc. 7. The Order additionally warned Banks that if he elected to withdraw his instant petition in order to file one all-inclusive petition, the AEDPA’s statute of limitations might bar the filing of any such successive petition.

Accompanying the Order was a Notice of Election form and Petitioner was directed to notify this Court within forty-five (45) days as to how he wished to proceed in this matter.

On August 9, 2013, Banks submitted an executed Notice of Election form wherein he notified this Court that he wishes to withdraw his instant petition for writ of habeas corpus so that he may file one, all-inclusive petition under 28

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

U.S.C. § 2254 within the one year-year time limit for filing such a petition.<sup>2</sup> He also acknowledged that the AEDPA statute of limitations might bar the filing of any such successive petition. See Doc. 8.

Based upon an application of the standards announced in Miller and Mason to Banks' announced intention that he does not wish to proceed with his present petition, this Court is precluded from ruling upon his action as filed.

Consequently, since Banks has expressed that he does not wish to proceed with his petition, it will be dismissed without prejudice. An appropriate Order will enter.

BY THE COURT:

s/Matthew W. Brann  
Matthew W. Brann  
United States District Judge

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<sup>2</sup> Petitioner is forewarned that her new petition would have to be submitted within the one year period of limitation authorized under 28 U.S.C. § 2244(d)(1).