UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE AT KNOXVILLE

JERRY W PHILLIPS,)
Petitioner,))
V.)
RAYMOND BYRD,)
Respondent.)

No. 3:18-CV-00062-RLJ-HBG

<u>O R D E R</u>

In accordance with the accompanying memorandum opinion, Petitioner's pro se petition for a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254 [Doc. 2] is **DENIED**, and this action is **DISMISSED.** The Clerk is **DIRECTED** to close the civil file.

Also, for the reasons set forth in the accompanying memorandum opinion, a COA will **NOT ISSUE**. Therefore, Petitioner is **DENIED** leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* on any subsequent appeal. 28 U.S.C. § 2253; Rule 22(b) of the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

ENTER:

s/ Leon Jordan United States District Judge

ENTERED AS A JUDGMENT <u>s/ John Medearis</u> CLERK OF COURT