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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE NASHVILLE DIVISION

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) NO. 3:16-cv-3049
) CHIEF JUDGE CRENSHAW
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ORDER

As explained in the accompanying Memorandum Opinion, the Court finds that the petition is time-barred. The motion to dismiss (ECF No. 27) is therefore **GRANTED**, and this matter is **DISMISSED**.

As also discussed in the Memorandum Opinion, the Court finds that the issues raised in the § 2254 motion do not "deserve encouragement to proceed further." Miller-El v. Cockrell, 537 U.S. 322, 327 (2003). The Court therefore **DENIES** a certificate of appealability ("COA"). The petitioner may, however, seek a COA directly from the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. Fed. R. App. P. 22(b)(1).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

This is a final order for purposes of Fed. R. Civ. P. 58.

WAVERLY D.CRENSHAW, JR. ()

CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT HIDGE