

United States District Court
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
DALLAS DIVISION

REGINALD DONELL RICE

v.

DIRECTOR, TDCJ-CID

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CIVIL ACTION NO. 3:18-CV-1740-S-BT

ORDER

The United States Magistrate Judge made findings, conclusions, and a recommendation in this case. *See* ECF No. 68. Petitioner filed objections. *See* ECF No. 69. The District Court reviewed *de novo* those portions of the proposed findings and recommendation to which objections were made. The objections are overruled, and the Court **ACCEPTS** the Findings, Conclusions and Recommendation of the United States Magistrate Judge. The Court therefore **DENIES** Petitioner’s Motion to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis* on Appeal [ECF No. 67].

Considering the record in this case and pursuant to Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 22(b), Rule 11(a) of the Rules Governing §§ 2254 and 2255 proceedings, and 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c), the Court **DENIES** a certificate of appealability. The Court adopts and incorporates by reference the Magistrate Judge’s Findings, Conclusions, and Recommendation filed in this case in support of its finding that Petitioner has failed to show that reasonable jurists would find “it debatable whether the petition states a valid claim of the denial of a constitutional right” or “debatable whether [this Court] was correct in its procedural ruling.” *Slack v. McDaniel*, 529 U.S. 473, 484 (2000).¹

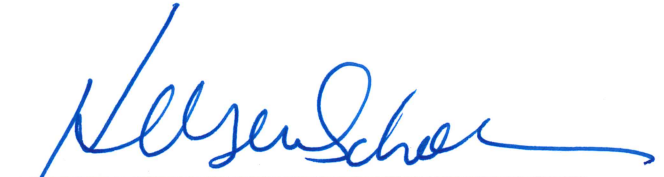
¹ Rule 11 of the Rules Governing §§ 2254 and 2255 Cases, as amended effective on December 1, 2009, reads as follows:

- (a) Certificate of Appealability. The district court must issue or deny a certificate of appealability when it enters a final order adverse to the applicant. Before entering the final order, the court may direct the parties to submit arguments on whether a certificate should issue. If the court

But, if Petitioner elects to file a notice of appeal, he must either pay the \$505 appellate filing fee or move for leave to appeal *in forma pauperis*.

SO ORDERED.

SIGNED May 25, 2022.



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issues a certificate, the court must state the specific issue or issues that satisfy the showing required by 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2). If the court denies a certificate, the parties may not appeal the denial but may seek a certificate from the court of appeals under Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 22. A motion to reconsider a denial does not extend the time to appeal.

- (b) Time to Appeal. Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 4(a) governs the time to appeal an order entered under these rules. A timely notice of appeal must be filed even if the district court issues a certificate of appealability.