

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
DALLAS DIVISION

EDWARD FAYE PARKS,

Petitioner,

v.

**DISTRICT OF ARIZONA and
THE 4TH CIR APPEALS,**

Respondents.

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Civil Action No. **3:23-CV-153-L-BN**


ORDER

On January 23, 2023, the Findings, Conclusions and Recommendation of the United States Magistrate Judge (“Report”) (Doc. 5) was entered, recommending that the court dismiss without prejudice for lack of jurisdiction Petitioner’s successive habeas petition that was filed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. Normally, successive petitions are transferred to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, but the magistrate judge recommends that this action be dismissed without prejudice, as venue, which is jurisdictional, is also improper in the Northern District of Texas. On February 8, 2023, Petitioner filed objections to the Report. Doc. 6. The objections are difficult to decipher but do not appear to address the Report’s bases for dismissing without prejudice this action for lack of jurisdiction.

Having reviewed Petitioner’s habeas petition, the file, record in this case, and Report, and having conducted a de novo review of that portion of the Report to which objection was made, the court determines that the findings and conclusions of the magistrate judge are correct; **accepts** them as those of the court; and, instead of transferring this successive habeas action, it **dismisses without prejudice** the action for lack of jurisdiction.

Further, 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 determines that Petitioner has failed to show: (1) that reasonable jurists would find this court’s “assessment of the constitutional claims debatable or wrong;” or (2) that reasonable jurists would find “it debatable whether the petition states a valid claim of the denial of a constitutional right” and “debatable whether [this court] was correct in its procedural ruling.” *Slack v. McDaniel*, 529 U.S. 473, 484 (2000). In support of this determination, the court **accepts and incorporates by reference** the Report filed in this case. In the event that Petitioner files a notice of appeal, he must pay the \$505 appellate filing fee or submit a motion to proceed *in forma pauperis* on appeal.

It is so ordered this 3rd day of March, 2023.


Sam A. Lindsay
United States District Judge

* Rule 11 of the Rules Governing §§ 2254 and 2255 Cases provides 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 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.