

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
FORT WORTH DIVISION

WILLIAM MARK SULLIVAN

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VS.

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CIVIL ACTION NO. 4:13-CV-586-C

WILLIAM STEPHENS,

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Director, T.D.C.J.

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Correctional Institutions Div.

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**ORDER ADOPTING MAGISTRATE JUDGE'S FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS AND
ORDER DENYING CERTIFICATE OF APPEALABILITY**

Before the Court is the petition for writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2254 of Petitioner, William Mark Sullivan, along with the October 24, 2013 findings, conclusions, and recommendation of the United States Magistrate Judge. The Magistrate Judge gave the parties until November 14 to file written objections to the findings, conclusions, and recommendation. As of the date of this order, no written objections have been filed.

The Court has reviewed the pleadings and the record in this case and has reviewed for clear error the findings, conclusions and recommendation. The Court concludes that, for the reasons stated by the Magistrate Judge, the petition for writ of habeas corpus should be dismissed.

Therefore, the findings, conclusions and recommendation of the Magistrate Judge are ADOPTED.

William Mark Sullivan’s petition for writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2254 is DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE, except as to any application of the federal statute of limitations or other federal procedural bar that may apply.¹

Certificate of Appealability

Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 22 provides that an appeal may not proceed unless a certificate of appealability (COA) is issued under 28 U.S.C. § 2253.² Rule 11 of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Proceedings now requires that the Court “must issue or deny a certificate of appealability when it enters a final order adverse to the applicant.”³ The COA may issue “only if the applicant has made a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right.”⁴ A petitioner satisfies this standard by showing “that jurists of reason could disagree with the district court’s resolution of his constitutional claims or that jurists of reason could conclude the issues presented are adequate to deserve encouragement to proceed further.”⁵

Upon review and consideration of the record in the above-referenced case as to whether Petitioner Sullivan has made a showing that reasonable jurists would question this Court’s

¹A one-year statute of limitations is applicable to the filing of non-capital § 2254 habeas corpus petitions in federal court. *See* 28 U.S.C.A. § 2244(d)(1-4)(West 2006). The statute of limitations is tolled, however, while a properly filed application for state post-conviction or other collateral review is pending. 28 U.S.C.A. § 2244(d)(2)(West 2006).

²*See* Fed. R. App. P. 22(b).

³Rules Governing Section 2254 Proceedings in the United States District Courts, Rule 11(a) (December 1, 2009).

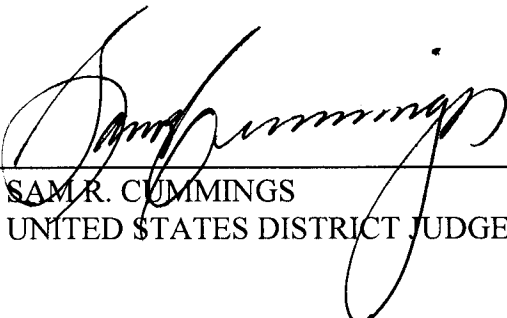
⁴28 U.S.C.A. § 2253(c)(2) (West 2006).

⁵*Miller-El v. Cockrell*, 537 U.S. 322, 326 (2003) (citing *Slack v. McDaniel*, 529 U.S. 473, 484 (2000)).

rulings, the Court determines he has not and that a certificate of appealability should not issue for the reasons stated in the October 24, 2013 Findings, Conclusions, and Recommendation of the United States Magistrate Judge.⁶

Therefore, a certificate of appealability should not issue.

Dated December 3, 2013.



SAM R. CUMMINGS
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

⁶See Fed. R. App. P. 22(b); *see also* 28 U.S.C.A. § 2253(c)(2) (West 2006).