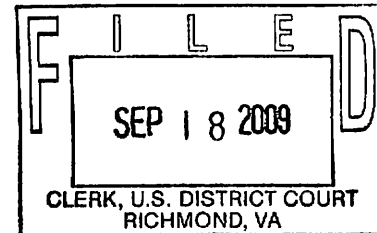


IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
Richmond Division



JONATHAN LEE RICHES,)
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Petitioner,)
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v.)
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SOUTH AFRICA, *et al.*,)
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Respondents.)

Civil Action No. 3:09CV330-HEH

MEMORANDUM OPINION
(Denying 28 U.S.C § 2241 Petition Without Prejudice)

Petitioner, proceeding *pro se*, submitted a petition for a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241. By Memorandum Order entered on July 10, 2009, the Court directed Petitioner to complete and return, within fifteen days of the date of entry thereof, an affidavit in support of his request to proceed *in forma pauperis* or pay the \$5.00 filing fee. More than fifteen (15) days have passed and Petitioner has not returned the required *in forma pauperis* affidavit.

Petitioner has failed to pay the assessed fee or adequately explain any special circumstances warranting excuse from payment. Accordingly, the petition will be DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE.

The Clerk is DIRECTED to send a copy of the Memorandum Opinion to Petitioner.

An appropriate Order shall issue.

h /s/
Henry E. Hudson
United States District Judge

Dated: *Sep 18 2009*
Richmond, Virginia