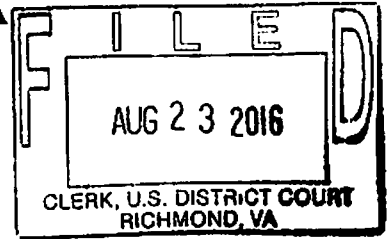


IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
Richmond Division



KENNETH NEWKIRK,)
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 Petitioner,)
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 v.)
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 DIRECTOR DEPARTMENT)
 OF CORRECTIONS,)
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 Respondent.)

Civil Action No. 3:16CV265-HEH

MEMORANDUM OPINION
(Dismissing 28 U.S.C § 2254 Petition Without Prejudice)

Petitioner, a Virginia state prisoner proceeding *pro se*, submitted a 28 U.S.C. § 2254 petition. By Memorandum Order entered on July 25, 2016, the Court directed Petitioner, within eleven (11) days of the date of entry thereof, to pay the \$5.00 filing fee or explain any special circumstances that would warrant excusing payment of the filing fee. The Court warned Petitioner it would dismiss the action if Petitioner did not pay the filing fee or explain any special circumstances that would warrant excusing payment of the filing fee. More than eleven (11) days have elapsed since the entry of the July 25, 2016 Memorandum Order and Petitioner has not paid the filing fee or explained any special circumstances that would warrant excusing payment of the filing fee. Accordingly, the action will be dismissed without prejudice.

An appeal may not be taken from the final order in a § 2254 proceeding unless a judge issues a certificate of appealability. 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(1)(A). A certificate of appealability will not issue unless a prisoner makes “a substantial showing of the denial

of a constitutional right.” 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2). This requirement is satisfied only when “reasonable jurists could debate whether (or, for that matter, agree that) the petition should have been resolved in a different manner or that the issues presented were ‘adequate to deserve encouragement to proceed further.’” *Slack v. McDaniel*, 529 U.S. 473, 484 (2000) (quoting *Barefoot v. Estelle*, 463 U.S. 880, 893 & n.4 (1983)). No law or evidence suggests that Petitioner is entitled to further consideration in this matter. The Court will deny a certificate of appealability.

An appropriate order will accompany this Memorandum Opinion.

Date: Aug. 22, 2016
Richmond, Virginia

HEW /s/
HENRY E. HUDSON
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE