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

SHAYQUON QUONTAE MARSHALL,

Petitioner,

v.

Civil Action No. 3:18CV99

HAROLD W. CLARK,

Respondent.

MEMORANDUM OPINION

Shayquon Quontae Marshall, a Virginia inmate proceeding pro <u>se</u>, submitted a 28 U.S.C. § 2254 petition. On April 4, 2018, Marshall moved to voluntarily dismiss the action. <u>See</u> Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(a)(2). Respondent has not objected to the dismissal. A party's "motion under Rule 41(a)(2) for dismissal without prejudice should not be denied absent substantial prejudice to the defendant." <u>Andes v. Versant Corp.</u>, 788 F.2d 1033, 1036 (4th Cir. 1986) (citing <u>Kenrose Mfg. Co. v. Fred Whitaker Co.</u>, 512 F.2d 890, 895 (4th Cir. 1972)). Accordingly, Marshall's Motion to Voluntarily Dismiss (ECF No. 10) will be granted. The action will be dismissed without prejudice.

The Clerk is directed to send a copy of the Memorandum Opinion to Marshall and counsel of record.

It is so ORDERED.

REN /s/

Robert E. Payne Senior United States District Judge