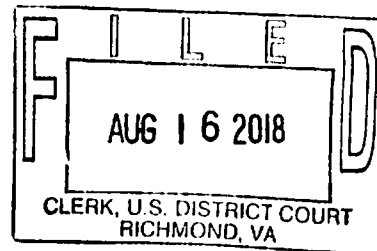


IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
Richmond Division



MARCUS KEON RUFFIN,)
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 Petitioner,)
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 v.)
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 HAROLD W. CLARKE,)
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 Respondent.)


Civil Action No. 3:18CV463-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 23, 2018, the Court directed Petitioner, within fifteen (15) days of the date of entry thereof, to complete and return the *in forma pauperis* affidavit. The Court warned Petitioner it would dismiss this action if he failed to comply with the above requirement. More than fifteen (15) days have elapsed since the entry of the July 23, 2018 Memorandum Order, and Petitioner has not responded. Accordingly, the action will be dismissed without prejudice. The Court will deny a certificate of appealability.

An appropriate order will accompany this Memorandum Opinion.

It is so ordered.


_____/s/
Henry E. Hudson
Senior United States District Judge

Date: Aug. 16, 2018
Richmond, Virginia