IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA ROANOKE DIVISION

DENNY C. MELTON,)	CASI
Petitioner,)	
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V.)	<u>FIN</u>
)	
HAROLD W. CLARKE,)	By: H
Respondent.)	Chief

CASE NO. 7:16CV00541

FINAL ORDER

By: Hon. Michael F. Urbanski Chief United States District Judge

In accordance with the accompanying memorandum opinion, it is hereby

ADJUDGED AND ORDERED

that the motion to dismiss (ECF No. 18) is **GRANTED**, the petition for a writ of habeas corpus, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254, is **DISMISSED**, and the clerk shall **STRIKE** this action from the active docket of the court.

Further, finding that petitioner has failed to make a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right as required by 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(1), a certificate of appealability is

DENIED.

ENTER: This $//\sqrt[]{}$ day of October, 2017.

(s/ Michael F. Urbanski

Chief United States District Judge