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Petitioner's second claim for relief, that there was insufficient evidence to impose the firearm enhancement, fails as a review of the record reveals that it cannot be said that no rational trier of fact could not have found the essential elements of the crime alleged beyond a reasonable doubt.

Finally, Petitioner's Blakely claim that a misapplication of state law improperly enhanced his sentence fails as the enhancements were based entirely on jury-fact finding.

The Court, having reviewed the petition for writ of habeas corpus, the response, the Report and Recommendation of Magistrate Judge Karen L. Strombom, objections to the Report and Recommendation, and the remaining record, does hereby find and ORDER:

- (1) The Court adopts the Report and Recommendation;
- (2) Petitioner's writ of habeas corpus (Dkts. 3 and 7) are **DENIED** and this action is **DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE**; and
- (3) The Clerk is directed to send copies of this Order to Petitioner, counsel for Respondent and to the Hon. Karen L. Strombom.

DATED this 25th day of August, 2009.

FRANKLIN D. BURGESS UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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