

**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT**

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No: 18-2510

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Johnnie Sterling, Jr.

Plaintiff - Appellant

v.

Ronda Pash

Defendant - Appellee

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Appeal from U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri - Kansas City  
(4:18-cv-00506-GAF)

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**JUDGMENT**

Before BENTON, KELLY and GRASZ, Circuit Judges.

This appeal comes before the court on appellant's application for a certificate of appealability. The court has carefully reviewed the original file of the district court, and the application for a certificate of appealability is denied. The appeal is dismissed.

October 31, 2018

Order Entered at the Direction of the Court:  
Clerk, U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit.

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/s/ Michael E. Gans

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
WESTERN DIVISION

JOHNNIE STERLING,

Petitioner,

vs.

RONDA PASH,

Respondent.

Case No. 18-00506-CV-W-GAF-P

ORDER

Petitioner, a convicted prisoner currently confined in the Crossroads Correctional Center, has filed *pro se* a petition for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254 and seeks to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Petitioner challenges his seeking to challenge his 2000 convictions and sentences for forcible sodomy, forcible rape, kidnaping, and multiple counts of armed criminal action, which were entered in the Circuit Court of Jackson County, Missouri. Doc. 1. For the reasons set forth below, this petition is DISMISSED without prejudice.

**Discussion**

Prisoners who want to file a second or successive application for habeas corpus relief must first obtain from the appropriate court of appeals an order authorizing the district court to consider the application. 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b)(3)(A). This is not Petitioner's first federal challenge regarding the convictions at issue, *see Sterling v. Dwyer*, No. 05-00847-CV-W-GAF-P, and Petitioner has not presented an order from the Court of Appeals authorizing this Court to consider his claims.

Accordingly, it is **ORDERED** that:

- (1) Petitioner is granted provisional leave to file *in forma pauperis*,

(2) This case is dismissed without prejudice pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b), and

(3) Petitioner's motion for order (Doc. 3) is denied as moot.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

/s/ Gary A. Fenner  
GARY A. FENNER, JUDGE  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DATED: July 11, 2018

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**ORDER**

The petition for rehearing by the panel is denied.

December 12, 2018

Order Entered at the Direction of the Court:  
Clerk, U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit.

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/s/ Michael E. Gans

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