

APPENDIX B

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

STEVEN TROY HICKS,

Defendant-Appellant.

No. 18-56512

D.C. Nos. 3:16-cv-01515-L
3:02-cr-00625-L-3

Southern District of California,
San Diego

ORDER

Before: SCHROEDER and PAEZ, Circuit Judges.

The request for a certificate of appealability (Docket Entry No. 2) is denied because appellant has not shown that “jurists of reason would find it debatable whether the [section 2255 motion] states a valid claim of the denial of a constitutional right and that jurists of reason would find it debatable whether the district court was correct in its procedural ruling.” *Slack v. McDaniel*, 529 U.S. 473, 484 (2000); *see also* 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2); *Gonzalez v. Thaler*, 565 U.S. 134, 140-41 (2012); *Miller-El v. Cockrell*, 537 U.S. 322, 327 (2003); *United States v. Blackstone*, 903 F.3d 1020, 1027-28 (9th Cir. 2018), *cert. denied*, 139 S. Ct. 2762 (2019).

Any pending motions are denied as moot.

DENIED.