

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

No. 18-11339



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GARRY DEAN STRONER,

*Jyle W. Duncan*  
Clerk, U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit

Petitioner-Appellant

v.

LORIE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL  
JUSTICE, CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS DIVISION,

Respondent-Appellee

Appeal from the United States District Court  
for the Northern District of Texas

O R D E R:

Garry Dean Stroner, Texas prisoner # 01777671, seeks a certificate of appealability (COA) to appeal the denial of a 28 U.S.C. § 2254 application challenging his conviction for aggravated kidnapping. Stroner asserts that his trial counsel was ineffective for failing to challenge a venire member who was unable to afford the presumption of innocence. Because he fails to show that reasonable jurists would debate the district court's deference to the state court decision denying the claim, a COA is DENIED. *See Miller-El v. Cockrell*, 537 U.S. 322, 327 (2003); *Miniel v. Cockrell*, 339 F.3d 331, 336 (5th Cir. 2003).

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STUART KYLE DUNCAN  
UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE