

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

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U.S. COURT OF APPEALS

ESAU DOZIER,

Petitioner-Appellant,

v.

DWIGHT NEVEN, Warden; ATTORNEY
GENERAL FOR THE STATE OF
NEVADA,

Respondents-Appellees.

No. 20-15012

D.C. No. 2:08-cv-00489-KJD-EJY
District of Nevada,
Las Vegas

ORDER

Before: CANBY and CALLAHAN, Circuit Judges.

The request for a certificate of appealability (Docket Entry No. 2) is denied because appellant has not made a “substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right.” 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2); *see also Miller-El v. Cockrell*, 537 U.S. 322, 327 (2003).

Any pending motions are denied as moot.

DENIED.

Exhibit - A

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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ESAU DOZIER,

Petitioner,

v.

DWIGHT NEVEN, et al.,

Respondents.

Case No. 2:08-cv-00489-KJD-GWF

ORDER

Esau Dozier's 28 U.S.C. § 2254 petition for writ of habeas corpus is before the court for final disposition on the merits (ECF No. 6).

I. Background & Procedural History

In December 2004, a jury convicted Dozier of two counts of robbery with a deadly weapon (counts 1 and 2) and burglary (count 3). Exh. 31.¹ The state district court sentenced him as follows: 72 to 180 months each on counts 1 and 2, with a like and consecutive term for the deadly weapon enhancement on each count; 72 to 180 months on count 3, counts 1 and 2 to run consecutively, and count 3 to run concurrently. Exh. 36, p. 24. Judgment was entered in February 2005. Exh. 37.

The Nevada Supreme Court affirmed Dozier's convictions and subsequently affirmed the denial of his state postconviction petition. Exhs. 56, 85.

This court originally granted respondents' motion to dismiss this federal petition as time-barred, and judgment was entered (ECF No. 25, 26). Dozier ultimately filed a

¹ Exhibits referenced in this order are exhibits to petitioner's motion for relief from judgment, ECF No.36, and are found at ECF Nos. 37-40.

1 motion for relief from judgment, which demonstrated that respondents had failed to
2 provide this court with the complete state-court record and that the complete state-court
3 record demonstrated that Dozier's federal petition was in fact timely (ECF No. 36). This
4 court vacated the judgment and directed respondents to answer grounds 1 and 3 (ECF
5 No. 48). Respondents have answered, and petitioner filed a reply (ECF No. 53, 54).

6 **II. Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act**

7 28 U.S.C. § 2254(d), a provision of the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty
8 Act (AEDPA), provides the legal standards for this court's consideration of the petition in
9 this case:

10 An application for a writ of habeas corpus on behalf of a person in
11 custody pursuant to the judgment of a State court shall not be granted with
12 respect to any claim that was adjudicated on the merits in State court
proceedings unless the adjudication of the claim —

13 (1) resulted in a decision that was contrary to, or involved an
14 unreasonable application of, clearly established Federal law, as determined
by the Supreme Court of the United States; or

15 (2) resulted in a decision that was based on an unreasonable
16 determination of the facts in light of the evidence presented in the State
court proceeding.

17 The AEDPA "modified a federal habeas court's role in reviewing state prisoner
18 applications in order to prevent federal habeas 'retrials' and to ensure that state-court
19 convictions are given effect to the extent possible under law." *Bell v. Cone*, 535 U.S.
20 685, 693-694 (2002). This Court's ability to grant a writ is limited to cases where "there
21 is no possibility fair-minded jurists could disagree that the state court's decision conflicts
22 with [Supreme Court] precedents." *Harrington v. Richter*, 562 U.S. 86, 102 (2011). The
23 Supreme Court has emphasized "that even a strong case for relief does not mean the
24 state court's contrary conclusion was unreasonable." *Id.* (citing *Lockyer v. Andrade*, 538
25 U.S. 63, 75 (2003)); see also *Cullen v. Pinholster*, 563 U.S. 170, 181 (2011) (describing
26 the AEDPA standard as "a difficult to meet and highly deferential standard for evaluating
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1 state-court rulings, which demands that state-court decisions be given the benefit of the
2 doubt”) (internal quotation marks and citations omitted).

3 A state court decision is contrary to clearly established Supreme Court
4 precedent, within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 2254, “if the state court applies a rule that
5 contradicts the governing law set forth in [the Supreme Court’s] cases” or “if the state
6 court confronts a set of facts that are materially indistinguishable from a decision of [the
7 Supreme Court] and nevertheless arrives at a result different from [the Supreme
8 Court’s] precedent.” *Lockyer*, 538 U.S. at 73 (quoting *Williams v. Taylor*, 529 U.S. 362,
9 405-06 (2000), and citing *Bell*, 535 U.S. at 694).

10 A state court decision is an unreasonable application of clearly established
11 Supreme Court precedent, within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 2254(d), “if the state court
12 identifies the correct governing legal principle from [the Supreme Court’s] decisions but
13 unreasonably applies that principle to the facts of the prisoner’s case.” *Lockyer*, 538
14 U.S. at 74 (quoting *Williams*, 529 U.S. at 413). The “unreasonable application” clause
15 requires the state court decision to be more than incorrect or erroneous; the state
16 court’s application of clearly established law must be objectively unreasonable. *Id.*
17 (quoting *Williams*, 529 U.S. at 409).

18 To the extent that the state court’s factual findings are challenged, the
19 “unreasonable determination of fact” clause of § 2254(d)(2) controls on federal habeas
20 review. *E.g.*, *Lambert v. Blodgett*, 393 F.3d 943, 972 (9th Cir.2004). This clause
21 requires that the federal courts “must be particularly deferential” to state court factual
22 determinations. *Id.* The governing standard is not satisfied by a showing merely that the
23 state court finding was “clearly erroneous.” 393 F.3d at 973. Rather, AEDPA requires
24 substantially more deference:

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26 [I]n concluding that a state-court finding is unsupported by substantial
27 evidence in the state-court record, it is not enough that we would reverse in
28 similar circumstances if this were an appeal from a district court decision.
Rather, we must be convinced that an appellate panel, applying the normal
standards of appellate review, could not reasonably conclude that the
finding is supported by the record.

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2 *Taylor v. Maddox*, 366 F.3d 992, 1000 (9th Cir.2004); see also *Lambert*, 393
3 F.3d at 972.

4 Under 28 U.S.C. § 2254(e)(1), state court factual findings are presumed to be
5 correct unless rebutted by clear and convincing evidence. The petitioner bears the
6 burden of proving by a preponderance of the evidence that he is entitled to habeas
7 relief. *Cullen*, 563 U.S. at 181.

8 **III. Instant Petition**

9 **Ground 1**

10 Dozier contends that his convictions were not supported by sufficient evidence in
11 violation of his Fourteenth Amendment due process rights (ECF No. 6, p. 3). He argues
12 that the robbery victims were unable to identify him and that the State did not establish
13 use of a deadly weapon beyond a reasonable doubt.

14 “The Constitution prohibits the criminal conviction of any person except upon proof
15 of guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.” *Jackson v. Virginia*, 443 U.S. 307, 309 (1979)
16 (citing *In re Winship*, 397 U.S. 358 (1970)). On federal habeas corpus review of a
17 judgment of conviction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254, the petitioner “is entitled to
18 habeas corpus relief if it is found that upon the record evidence adduced at the trial no
19 rational trier of fact could have found proof of guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.” *Id.* at
20 324. “[T]he standard must be applied with explicit reference to the substantive elements
21 of the criminal offense as defined by state law.” *Id.* at 324 n.16. On habeas review, this
22 court must assume that the trier of fact resolved any evidentiary conflicts in favor of the
23 prosecution and must defer to such resolution. *Id.* at 326. Generally, the credibility of
24 witnesses is beyond the scope of a review of the sufficiency of the evidence. *Schlup v.*
25 *DeLo*, 513 U.S. 298, 330 (1995).

26 Demissie Kelemework testified at trial that she had been visiting Reno with several
27 friends on the night in question. Exh. 29, pp. 113-129. She and Mulunesh Gutema had
28 stepped inside their motel room when a man pushed into the room before she locked

1 the door. Kelemework said that the man had a black gun that was probably 12 inches
2 long. She described the man as black, about 150 to 160 pounds, neat, clean-shaven
3 and nicely dressed. He took her fanny pack and other items and stuffed them in a red
4 bag that was in the room. He took a gift bag that belonged to a black woman from
5 Pleasanton, California who was not in the room at the time. Kelemework identified
6 Dozier and one other man from a police photo lineup as the possible robber. In court,
7 while she identified Dozier, she acknowledged that she was not 100% certain he was
8 the robber.

9 Ms. Gutema also testified. *Id.* at 129-143. She stated that she and Kelemework had
10 gone back to their motel room to get their jackets. She had about \$600-700 in a fanny
11 pack that she was wearing. The man that forced his way into their room was black with
12 a shaved or bald head and had a black gun about 12 inches long. He put all the items
13 he took in a red bag with a black strap that belonged to Gutema. She testified that she
14 was not certain Dozier was the robber.

15 Reno Police Officer Thomas Mueller testified that he met with the victims the night of
16 the robbery. *Id.* at 143-150. They described the robber as a black male, approximately
17 30 to 40 years of age with a shaved head, clean-shaven, 160 to 180 pounds, wearing
18 black and holding a black pistol. Reno Police Officer Eric Stroshine testified that a
19 couple of months after the robbery he was contacted by Katherine Stewart, who wanted
20 to file a report of an embezzled vehicle. *Id.* at 150-152. Stewart also told him she had
21 information about the armed robbery. Months before trial, the state district court issued
22 a material witness order requiring Stewart to post bail as a material witness in order to
23 secure her presence at Dozier's trial. Exh. 9.

24 Katherine Stewart subsequently testified at trial that Dozier had been her boyfriend
25 for about a year and one-half. Exh. 29, pp. 156-177. Dozier had a black revolver about
26 12 inches long. On the night in question, Stewart and Dozier did not have a place to
27 stay, so she parked in downtown Reno and was going to sleep in her car. Dozier's gun
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1 was in a suitcase in the trunk of her car. He told her he was going to "go do some
2 hustling," he went to the trunk of the car, but Stewart did not see what he took from the
3 trunk. Dozier was dressed in a black leather jacket, black t-shirt, dark Levi's, and black
4 boots. Stewart locked the car and went to sleep. Dozier returned, Stewart unlocked the
5 car, Dozier threw a red bag with a black strap in the car, got in the driver's seat, started
6 the car and drove away. She described him as "excited, wanting to get out of there; he
7 was sweating." *Id.* at 165. He drove them to Sparks and got a room at a Motel 6. In the
8 hotel room he dumped out the bag, and Stewart saw two purses or fanny packs and a
9 gift bag. In the purse was a California driver's license with a photo of a black woman
10 and a Pleasanton address.

11 The Nevada Supreme Court rejected Dozier's challenge to the sufficiency of the
12 evidence on appeal:

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14 First, Dozier contends that insufficient evidence was adduced at trial to
15 support his convictions for robbery and burglary. The standard of review
16 for a challenge to the sufficiency of the evidence to support a criminal
17 conviction is "whether, after viewing the evidence in the light most
18 favorable to the prosecution, any rational trier of fact could have found the
essential elements of the crime beyond a reasonable doubt." *McNair v.*
State, 825 P.2d 571, 573 (Nev. 1992) (quoting *Jackson v. Virginia*, 443
U.S. 307, 319 (1979)).

19 Here, victims Demissie Kelemework and Mulunesh Gutema both
20 testified that at about 10:15 pm on May 25, 2002, a man with a gun
21 entered their El Ray Motel room and ordered them to be quiet and to give
22 him whatever they had. They were scared and gave the man their leather
23 fanny packs, each of which contained several hundred dollars. The man
24 also took a small gift bag that belonged to a black female friend of theirs
25 from Pleasanton, California. The man packed the things he was taking into
a red traveling bag with a black strap. Kelemework described the man as
a 30 to 40-year-old black male, well-shaven, and dressed in nice clothes.
Gutema described the man as a black male with a clean-shaven head.
Neither woman was 100 percent sure that Dozier was the robber.

26 Reno Police Officer Thomas Mueller testified that, at about 10:50 pm
27 on May 25, 2002, he was called to the area of The Sands Casino
28 regarding a robbery that occurred at the El Ray Motel. He stated that the
victims described the robber as a clean-shaven black male, 30 to 40 years

1 of age, who had a shaven head, was dressed in a black top and black
2 pants, and was armed with a black pistol.

3 Katherine Stewart, Dozier's former girlfriend, testified that on May 25,
4 2002, she drove from Concord, California to Reno to visit Dozier. She was
5 tired and they did not have money for a hotel room, so they parked by The
6 Sands and Sundowner sometime after nightfall and Stewart slept in the
7 car. Dozier, however, wanted to go to the casinos and do some hustling.
8 He got out of the car, opened and closed the trunk, and left. Stewart knew
9 that Dozier's handgun was in the trunk. When Dozier returned, he had a
10 red canvas bag with a black strap, which Stewart described as "like a gym
11 bag." Dozier was excited, sweating, and wanted to leave. They drove from
12 Reno to Sparks where they got a hotel room. Dozier dumped the contents
13 of the red bag onto the bed. They included a small gift bag, a leather fanny
14 pack, a purse, and \$200.00. Stewart also saw a California driver's license;
15 it had a picture of black woman and listed a Pleasanton address. Stewart
16 stated that Dozier was dressed in a black leather jacket, black T-shirt, dark
17 Levi's, and black boots.

18 We conclude that the jury could reasonably infer from the
19 circumstantial evidence presented at trial that Dozier committed the
20 crimes of robbery and burglary. It is for the jury to determine the weight
21 and credibility to give conflicting testimony, and the jury's verdict will not
22 be disturbed on appeal where, as here, sufficient evidence supports the
23 verdict.

24 Second, Dozier claims that insufficient evidence was adduced at trial to
25 show he used a deadly weapon or handgun. However, both Kelemework
26 and Gutema testified that the robber had a big black gun, which they
27 indicated was about a foot long. And Stewart testified that she had actually
28 handled Dozier's handgun, it was a black revolver about a foot long, and it
was in Dozier's suitcase in the trunk of her car on the night of the robbery.
We conclude that a jury could reasonably infer from this testimony that
Dozier used a handgun to commit robbery, and that there is sufficient
evidence to support the jury's verdict.

29 Exh. 56, pp. 1-4. Dozier argues that the Nevada Supreme Court ignored Stewart's
30 motivation to lie because she was angry with him over taking her car (ECF No. 54, pp.
31 4-7). But it is up to the jury to weigh credibility, and the credibility of witnesses is
32 generally beyond the scope of a review of the sufficiency of the evidence. *Schlup*, 513
33 U.S. at 330. Dozier has not shown that no rational trier of fact could have found proof of
34 guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. *Jackson*, 443 U.S. at 324. He has failed to
35 demonstrate that the Nevada Supreme Court decision on federal ground 1 was contrary

1 to, or involved an unreasonable application of, clearly established U.S. Supreme Court
2 law, or was based on an unreasonable determination of the facts in light of the evidence
3 presented in the state court proceeding. 28 U.S.C. § 2254(d). Accordingly, Dozier is
4 not entitled to relief on ground 1.

5 **Ground 3**

6 Dozier contends that his sentence for the deadly weapon enhancement exceeded
7 the statutory limitation and violated his Eighth Amendment right to be free from cruel
8 and unusual punishment (ECF No. 6, p. 7). While not entirely clear, Dozier appears to
9 also assert that his trial counsel was ineffective for failing to object to the sentence
10 imposed at the sentencing hearing. *Id.*

11 Respondents argue that neither claim was properly exhausted as a federal
12 constitutional claim in state court (ECF No. 53, pp. 11-13). As these claims fail on the
13 merits even under *de novo* review, the court need not address the exhaustion issue.
14 See *Jones v. Ryan*, 691 F.3d 1093, 1101 n.2 (9th Cir. 2012).

15 “The Eighth Amendment does not require strict proportionality between crime and
16 sentence. Rather, it forbids only extreme sentences that are ‘grossly disproportionate’ to
17 the crime.” *Harmelin v. Michigan*, 501 U.S. 957, 1001 (1991) (Kennedy, J., concurring);
18 see, e.g., *Solem v. Helm*, 463 U.S. 277, 303 (1983) (holding that a sentence of life
19 imprisonment without the possibility of parole for seventh nonviolent felony violates
20 Eighth Amendment). “[O]utside the context of capital punishment, successful challenges
21 to the proportionality of particular sentences will be exceedingly rare.” *Id.* at 289- 90. For
22 purposes of federal habeas review, under 28 U.S.C. § 2254(d)(1), “[a] gross
23 proportionality principle is applicable to sentences for terms of years.” *Lockyer v.*
24 *Andrade*, 538 U.S. 63, 72 (2003). Thus, the federal proportionality analysis comes into
25 play “only in the rare case in which a threshold comparison of the crime committed and
26 the sentence imposed leads to an inference of gross disproportionality.” *Harmelin*, 501
27 U.S. at 1005.
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1 The state district court sentenced Dozier to 72 to 180 months on each of the two
2 robbery with a deadly weapon counts, with an equal and consecutive term for the
3 deadly weapon enhancement on each of the two counts, count 1 and 2 to run
4 consecutively. Exh. 36, pp. 24. The court sentenced him to 72 to 180 months on the
5 burglary count, to run concurrently. *Id.*

6 The Nevada Supreme Court rejected this claim:

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8 Third, Dozier contends that the district court improperly applied the
9 deadly weapon enhancement to his robbery sentences. He argues that
10 because the deadly weapon enhancement must be "equal to and in
11 addition to the term of imprisonment prescribed by statute for the crime"
12 (NRS 193.165(1)) and that the term of imprisonment prescribed by statute
13 for the crime of robbery is 2 to 15 years, the district court erred when it
14 sentenced him to an equal and additional term of 6 to 15 years. However,
15 our review of the record reveals that the district court properly sentenced
16 Dozier for his robbery convictions and correctly enhanced the sentences
17 with equal and consecutive terms of imprisonment for the use of a deadly
18 weapon. The district court imposed enhancements that fell within the
19 sentencing limits prescribed by NRS 200.380(2) as required by NRS
20 193.165(1). Accordingly, we conclude that the district court did not err.

21 Exh. 56, p. 4. Respondents point out that Dozier did not invoke the Eighth
22 Amendment in his direct appeal (ECF No. 53, pp. 11), though he did argue that his
23 sentence constituted cruel and unusual punishment. In any event, the Nevada statute
24 proscribes that robbery is punishable by a minimum term of 2 years and a maximum
25 term of 15 years. NRS 200.380(2). The state district court sentenced him on robbery
26 with a deadly weapon and burglary counts to terms well within the statutory parameters.
27 A comparison of the crimes committed and the sentences imposed certainly does not
28 give rise to an inference of gross disproportionality here. *Harmelin*, 501 U.S. at 1005.

As to whether Dozier's counsel was ineffective for failing to object to the sentence at
the sentencing hearing, ineffective assistance of counsel (IAC) claims are governed by
the two-part test announced in *Strickland v. Washington*, 466 U.S. 668 (1984). In
Strickland, the Supreme Court held that a petitioner claiming ineffective assistance of
counsel has the burden of demonstrating that (1) the attorney made errors so serious

1 that he or she was not functioning as the "counsel" guaranteed by the Sixth
2 Amendment, and (2) that the deficient performance prejudiced the defense. *Williams*,
3 529 U.S. at 390-91 (citing *Strickland*, 466 U.S. at 687). To establish ineffectiveness, the
4 defendant must show that counsel's representation fell below an objective standard of
5 reasonableness. *Id.* To establish prejudice, the defendant must show that there is a
6 reasonable probability that, but for counsel's unprofessional errors, the result of the
7 proceeding would have been different. *Id.* A reasonable probability is "probability
8 sufficient to undermine confidence in the outcome." *Id.* Additionally, any review of the
9 attorney's performance must be "highly deferential" and must adopt counsel's
10 perspective at the time of the challenged conduct, in order to avoid the distorting effects
11 of hindsight. *Strickland*, 466 U.S. at 689. It is the petitioner's burden to overcome the
12 presumption that counsel's actions might be considered sound trial strategy. *Id.*

13 Ineffective assistance of counsel under *Strickland* requires a showing of deficient
14 performance of counsel resulting in prejudice, "with performance being measured
15 against an objective standard of reasonableness, . . . under prevailing professional
16 norms." *Rompilla v. Beard*, 545 U.S. 374, 380 (2005) (internal quotations and citations
17 omitted). When the ineffective assistance of counsel claim is based on a challenge to a
18 guilty plea, the *Strickland* prejudice prong requires a petitioner to demonstrate "that
19 there is a reasonable probability that, but for counsel's errors, he would not have
20 pleaded guilty and would have insisted on going to trial." *Hill v. Lockhart*, 474 U.S. 52,
21 59 (1985).

22 When pronouncing the sentences, the court explained that it followed the
23 recommendation of the Division of Parole and Probation, that it considered Dozier's
24 criminal history, that armed robbery is an extraordinarily dangerous and violent offense
25 and that the victims will never be free from the trauma that was inflicted. Exh. 36, pp.
26 26-27. Dozier has not shown that there was a reasonable probability of a different
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1 outcome if counsel had objected to the sentence imposed at the time of the sentencing
2 hearing. Both claims in ground 3 are, therefore, denied.

3 Thus, the petition is denied in its entirety.

4 **IV. Certificate of Appealability**

5 This is a final order adverse to the petitioner. As such, Rule 11 of the Rules
6 Governing Section 2254 Cases requires this court to issue or deny a certificate of
7 appealability (COA). Accordingly, the court has *sua sponte* evaluated the claims within
8 the petition for suitability for the issuance of a COA. See 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c); *Turner v.*
9 *Calderon*, 281 F.3d 851, 864-65 (9th Cir. 2002).

10 Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2), a COA may issue only when the petitioner "has
11 made a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right." With respect to
12 claims rejected on the merits, a petitioner "must demonstrate that reasonable jurists
13 would find the district court's assessment of the constitutional claims debatable or
14 wrong." *Slack v. McDaniel*, 529 U.S. 473, 484 (2000) (citing *Barefoot v. Estelle*, 463
15 U.S. 880, 893 & n.4 (1983)). For procedural rulings, a COA will issue only if reasonable
16 jurists could debate (1) whether the petition states a valid claim of the denial of a
17 constitutional right and (2) whether the court's procedural ruling was correct. *Id.*

18 Having reviewed its determinations and rulings in adjudicating Dozier's petition, the
19 court finds that none of those rulings meets the *Slack* standard. The court therefore
20 declines to issue a certificate of appealability for its resolution of any of Dozier's claims.
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1 **V. Conclusion**

2 **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that the petition (ECF No. 6) is **DENIED** in its
3 entirety.

4 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that a certificate of appealability is **DENIED**.

5 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Clerk shall enter judgment accordingly and
6 close this case.

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8 DATED: 11 December 2019.



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KENT J. DAWSON
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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JUDGMENT IN A CIVIL CASE

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— **Jury Verdict.** This action came before the Court for a trial by jury. The issues have been tried and the jury has rendered its verdict.

— **Decision by Court.** This action came to trial or hearing before the Court. The issues have been tried or heard and a decision has been rendered.

☒ **Decision by Court.** This action came for consideration before the Court. The issues have been considered and a decision has been rendered.

IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED

that Judgment is entered in favor of Respondents and against Petitioner Esau Dozier. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a certificate of appealability is DENIED.

12/12/2019

Date

DEBRA K. KEMPI

Clerk



/s/ S. Denson

Deputy Clerk

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ORDER

Before: McKEOWN and BADE, Circuit Judges.

Appellant's motion for reconsideration en banc (Docket Entry No. 8) is
denied on behalf of the court. *See* 9th Cir. R. 27-10; 9th Cir. Gen. Ord. 6.11.

No further filings will be entertained in this closed case.

Exhibit - C

**Additional material
from this filing is
available in the
Clerk's Office.**