

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT

No. 21-13250-G

JAMES LAPOINT,

Petitioner-Appellant,

versus

SECRETARY, FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS,

Respondent-Appellee,

STATE OF FLORIDA,

Respondent.

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Middle District of Florida

ORDER:

James LaPoint moves for a certificate of appealability in order to appeal the district court's denial of his 28 U.S.C. § 2254 habeas corpus petition. To merit a certificate of appealability, LaPoint must show that reasonable jurists would find debatable both (1) the merits of an underlying claim, and (2) the procedural issues that he seeks to raise. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2); *Slack v. McDaniel*, 529 U.S. 473, 478 (2000). LaPoint's motion for a certificate of appealability is DENIED because he failed to make the requisite showing.


UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE