## UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS



## FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

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MOLLY C. DWYER, CLERK U.S. COURT OF APPEALS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

No. 22-35981

Plaintiff-Appellee,

D.C. Nos.

3:22-cv-00519-HZ

3:14-cr-00045-HZ-1

District of Oregon,

Portland

ORDER

v.

TAQUARIUS KAREAM FORD, AKA Cameron,

Defendant-Appellant.

Before:

TALLMAN and IKUTA, Circuit Judges.

The request for a certificate of appealability (Docket Entry No. 4) is denied because the underlying 28 U.S.C. § 2255 motion fails to state any federal constitutional claims debatable among jurists of reason. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2)-(3); *Gonzalez v. Thaler*, 565 U.S. 134, 140-41 (2012) ("When ... the district court denies relief on procedural grounds, the petitioner seeking a COA must show both 'that jurists of reason would find it debatable whether the petition 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.") (quoting *Slack v. McDaniel*, 529 U.S. 473, 484 (2000)).

Any pending motions are denied as moot.

DENIED.