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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE THIRD CIRCUIT

C.A. No. <u>23-2221</u>

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

V.

ROBERT J. RICE, Appellant

(M.D. Pa. Crim. No. 1-14-cr-00119-001)

Present: HARDIMAN, MONTGOMERY-REEVES, and NYGAARD, Circuit Judges

Submitted is Appellant's request for a certificate of appealability under 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(1)

in the above-captioned case.

Respectfully,

Clerk

ORDER

The application for a certificate of appealability ("COA") is denied because Appellant has not made a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right. See 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2). Substantially for the reasons given by the District Court, Appellant has not shown that "jurists of reason could disagree with the district court's resolution of [the claims he pursues in his COA application]." Miller-El v. Cockrell, 537 U.S. 322, 327 (2003); see also Strickland v. Washington, 466 U.S. 668, 687-88 (1984).

By the Court,

<u>s/ Thomas M. Hardiman</u> Circuit Judge

Dated: October 20, 2023 kr/cc: All Counsel of Record

Patricia S. Dodszuweit, Clerk Certified Order Issued in Lieu of Mandate