

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

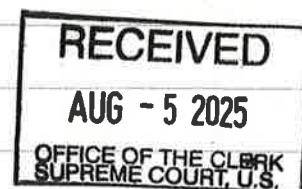
Maurice Cruz-Webster,  
petitioner  
  
v.  
Warden James T. Vaughn  
Correctional Center,  
Respondent  
  
And  
Attorney General Delaware,  
Respondent

Civil Action NO. 21-1679-CFC  
No. 24-3378  
(D. Del. NO. 1:21-cv-01679)

Application for an Extension of Time within which  
to file a petition for a writ of certiorari to the  
Supreme Court of the State of Delaware

Application for an Extension of Time

Pursuant to Rule 21, 22, 30, and 33.2 of the Rules of this Court, Petitioner Maurice Cruz-Webster hereby requests a 60-day extension of time within which to file a petition for a writ of certiorari up to NOV. 26, 2025.



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**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE THIRD CIRCUIT**

C.A. No. **24-3378**

MAURICE CRUZ-WEBSTER, Appellant

VS.

WARDEN JAMES T VAUGHN CORRECTIONAL CENTER, ET AL

(D. Del. Civ. No. 1:21-cv-01679)

Present: RESTREPO, FREEMAN, and NYGAARD, Circuit Judges

Submitted are:

- (1) Appellant's first request for a certificate of appealability under 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(1); and
- (2) Appellant's second request for a certificate of appealability under 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(1)

in the above-captioned case.

Respectfully,

Clerk

**ORDER**

The requests for a certificate of appealability are denied. See 28 U.S.C. § 2253; Slack v. McDaniel, 529 U.S. 473, 484 (2000). Appellant has failed to show that jurists of reason would debate the District Court's conclusion that his prosecutorial misconduct claim regarding Officer Barnes' testimony lacked merit. See 28 U.S.C. § 2254(e)(2); see also Donnelly v. DeChristoforo, 416 U.S. 637, 643 (1974); Greer v. Miller, 483 U.S. 756, 766 n.8 (1987). Appellant has also failed to show that reasonable jurists would debate the District Court's conclusions that the state court reasonably applied Strickland v. Washington, 466 U.S. 668 (1984), to his ineffective assistance of counsel claims, that his claims of cumulative error and actual innocence lacked merit, see McQuiggin v. Perkins, 569 U.S. 383, 392 (2013), that his remaining claims were procedurally defaulted, see

Rolan v. Coleman, 680 F.3d 311, 317 (3d Cir. 2012), and that he failed to overcome the defaults. See Murray v. Carrier, 477 U.S. 478, 488 (1986); Levy v. Williams, 504 F.3d 357, 366 (3d Cir. 2007).

By the Court,

s/Arianna J. Freeman  
Circuit Judge

Dated: April 23, 2025

Tmm/cc: Maurice Cruz-Webster  
Matthew C. Bloom, Esq.



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Patricia S. Dodszeit, Clerk  
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On Appeal from the United States District Court  
for the District of Delaware  
(D.C. Civil No. 1:21-cv-01679)

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**PETITION FOR REHEARING**

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Present: CHAGARES, *Chief Judge*, HARDIMAN, SHWARTZ, KRAUSE,  
RESTREPO, BIBAS, PORTER, MATEY, PHIPPS, FREEMAN,  
MONTGOMERY-REEVES, CHUNG, and NYGAARD,\* *Circuit Judges*

The petition for rehearing filed by Appellant in the above-captioned case having been submitted to the judges who participated in the decision of this Court and to all the other available circuit judges of the circuit in regular active service, and no judge who concurred in the decision having asked for rehearing, and a majority of the judges of the

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\* Judge Nygaard's vote is limited to panel rehearing.

circuit in regular service not having voted for rehearing, the petition for rehearing by the panel and the Court en banc is denied.

By the Court,

s/ Arianna J. Freeman  
Circuit Judge

Dated: June 16, 2025

Tmm/cc: Maurice Cruz-Webster

Matthew C. Bloom, Esq.