

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

No: 25-3076

Aaron Robinson

Plaintiff - Appellant

v.

Gregory Hancock

Respondent - Appellee

Appeal from U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri - Cape Girardeau
(1:24-cv-00238-CDP)

JUDGMENT

Before LOKEN, SMITH, and BENTON, Circuit Judges.

This appeal comes before the court on appellant's application for a certificate of appealability. The court has carefully reviewed the original file of the district court, and the application for a certificate of appealability is denied. The motion to proceed on appeal in forma pauperis is denied as moot. The appeal is dismissed.

January 23, 2026

Order Entered at the Direction of the Court:
Clerk, U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit.

/s/ Susan E. Bindler

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION

AARON CORNELL ROBINSON,)

Petitioner,)

vs.)

Case No. 1 :24 CV 238 CDP

GREGORY HANCOCK,)

Respondent.)

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

On January 15, 2025, I denied and dismissed petitioner's habeas petition under 28 U.S.C. § 2254 as successive. ECF 3, 4. Petitioner has now filed two motions in this closed case seeking "a written indication the Court would grant or entertain a motion for relief from Judgment" and a motion for summary judgment. ECF 6, 9. Both of these motions are meritless and will be denied. As for the first motion, it is denied to the extent that it seeks an advisory ruling. To the extent the first and second motions are construed together liberally to seek relief from the January 15, 2025, Order of Dismissal, they are also denied as petitioner presents no grounds for relief.

This case remains a successive habeas petition as petitioner continues to seek relief on grounds not presented in petitioner's first habeas petition (Case Number 4: 17 CV 4 HEA). As such, petitioner requires, but has not yet obtained,

authorization from the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.

Accordingly, this Court remains unable to consider his petition.

Finally, I have also considered whether to issue a certificate of appealability. To grant a certificate of appealability, the Court must find a substantial showing of the denial of a federal constitutional right. *See Tiedeman v. Benson*, 122 F.3d 518, 522 (8th Cir. 1997). A substantial showing is a showing that issues are debatable among reasonable jurists, a court could resolve the issues differently, or the issues deserve further proceedings. *Cox v. Norris*, 133 F.3d 565, 569 (8th Cir. 1997) (citing *Flieger v. Delo*, 16 F.3d 878, 882-83 (8th Cir. 1994)). Because petitioner has not made such a showing, I will not issue a certificate of appealability.

Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that petitioner's motion for written indication the Court would grant or entertain a motion for relief from judgment [6] and motion for summary judgment [9] are denied.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a certificate of appealability is denied as petitioner has not made a substantial showing of the denial of a federal constitutional right.



CATHERINE D. PERRY
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Dated this 24th day of September, 2025.

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ORDER OF DISMISSAL

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Petitioner's petition for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254 [ECF No. 1] is **DENIED AND DISMISSED AS SUCCESSIVE**. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Court shall not issue a certificate of appealability.

Dated this 15th day of January, 2025.


CATHERINE D. PERRY
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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ORDER

The petition for rehearing en banc is denied. The petition for rehearing by the panel is also denied.

Judge Gruender did not participate in the consideration or decision of this matter.

March 03, 2026

Order Entered at the Direction of the Court:
Clerk, U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit.

/s/ Susan E. Bindler

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