

Appendix A

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

No. 26-1877

Randy William Gay

Petitioner - Appellant

v.

Dexter Payne, Arkansas Division of Correction

Respondent - Appellee

Appeal from U.S. District Court for the Western District of Arkansas - Hot Springs
(6:23-cv-06011-SOH)

JUDGMENT

Before LOKEN, L.R. SMITH, and GRASZ, 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 in its entirety. The appeal is dismissed.

July 16, 2026

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

/s/ Susan E. Bindler