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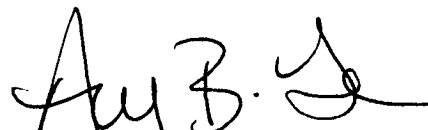
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| Rickey Louis Alford, |) | |
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| Petitioner, |) | |
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| v. |) | Civil Action No. 18-1653 (UNA) |
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| J. Gastelo, |) | |
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| Respondent. |) | |

MEMORANDUM OPINION

Petitioner is a California state prisoner incarcerated in San Luis Obispo, California. Appearing *pro se*, petitioner has filed a Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2254, challenging his California conviction. In addition, he has applied to proceed *in forma pauperis*. The application will be granted and this case will be dismissed for want of jurisdiction.

Section 2254 requires a petitioner first to exhaust his available state remedies. *See id.* §2254(b)(1). Thereafter, an application under § 2254 “may be filed in the district court for the district wherein such person is in custody or in the district court for the district [where] the State court was held which convicted and sentenced [petitioner][,] and each of such district courts shall have concurrent jurisdiction to entertain the application.” 28 U.S.C. § 2241(d). This court in the District of Columbia lacks authority to address the instant petition. A separate order of dismissal accompanies this Memorandum Opinion.

Date: July 19, 2018


United States District Judge