

**DISTRICT COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
DIVISION OF ST. CROIX**

MERAL SMITH,

Petitioner,

v.

**RICK MULGRAVE, Director of the Virgin
Islands Bureau of Corrections,**

Respondent.

Civil Action No. 2015-0078

Appearances:

Meral Smith, *Pro Se*

ORDER

UPON CONSIDERATION of Petitioner Meral Smith’s (“Smith”) “Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus” (“Petition”) (Dkt. No. 1); Magistrate Judge George W. Cannon Jr.’s Report and Recommendation (“R&R”) (Dkt. No. 21); and for the reasons set forth in the accompanying Memorandum Opinion filed contemporaneously herewith; it is hereby

ORDERED that Magistrate Judge Cannon’s R&R (Dkt. No. 21) is **ACCEPTED** as modified in the Memorandum Opinion; and it is further

ORDERED that Smith’s “Petition for the Writ of Habeas Corpus” (Dkt. No. 1) is **DENIED**; and it is further

ORDERED that the Court **DECLINES** to issue a Certificate of Appealability for failure to satisfy the standard set forth in 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2); and it is further

ORDERED that the Clerk of Court shall provide a copy of this Order and its accompanying Memorandum Opinion to Smith by certified mail, return receipt requested; and it is further

ORDERED that the Clerk of Court is directed to mark the case **CLOSED**.

SO ORDERED.

Date: January 24, 2020

_____/s/_____
WILMA A. LEWIS
Chief Judge