

United States Court of Appeals
FOR THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT

No. 07-2746

James Allen Long,

Appellant,

v.

Larry Norris, Director, Arkansas
Department of Correction,

Appellee.

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* Appeal from the United States

* District Court for the

* Eastern District of Arkansas.

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Submitted: October 1, 2008

Filed: October 7, 2008

Before MURPHY, BYE, and BENTON, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM.

James Allen Long appeals the district court's¹ judgment dismissing his 28 U.S.C. § 2254 petition. The district court granted a certificate of appealability on two issues: (1) whether trial counsel was ineffective for failing to object to the way that the trial court handled the State's challenge under Batson v. Kentucky, 476 U.S. 79

¹The Honorable J. Leon Holmes, Chief Judge, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas, adopting the revised findings and recommendations of the Honorable John F. Forster, Jr., United States Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas.

(1986), and (2) whether counsel on direct appeal was ineffective for failing to argue that trial counsel was ineffective for failing to object.

Following our careful review of the record, the briefs, and the applicable law, we conclude the district court properly denied Long's petition, for the reasons cited in the magistrate judge's thorough report, adopted by the district court.

Accordingly, we affirm. See 8th Cir. R. 47B. Long's pro se motion is denied.
