

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
District of Maine

JOSEPH JACKSON, )  
)  
Petitioner, )  
)  
v. ) Civil No. 03-105-B-W  
)  
JEFFREY MERRILL, WARDEN, )  
MAINE STATE PRISON, )  
)  
Respondent. )

**ORDER AFFIRMING THE  
RECOMMENDED DECISION OF THE MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

The United States Magistrate Judge filed with the Court on October 21, 2003 her Recommended Decision. The Petitioner filed his objections to the Recommended Decision on November 7, 2003. I have reviewed and considered the Magistrate Judge's Recommended Decision, together with the entire record; I have made a de novo determination of all matters adjudicated by the Magistrate Judge's Recommended Decision; and I concur with the recommendations of the United States Magistrate Judge for the reasons set forth in her Recommended Decision, and determine that no further proceeding is necessary.

1. It is therefore ORDERED that the Recommended Decision of the Magistrate Judge is hereby AFFIRMED.

2. It is further ORDERED that Petitioner's 28 U.S.C. § 2254 Petition is DENIED.

/s/ John A. Woodcock, Jr.  
United States District Judge

Dated: January 6, 2004

**Petitioner**

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