

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF
PENNSYLVANIA

Carol Ann Hann v. Warden of SCI-Muncy

Hann · No. No. 4:25-CV-01602 · Decided March 31, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania dismissed Carol Ann Hann’s petition for a writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2254. The court declined to issue a certificate of appealability and directed the Clerk to close the case.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Matthew W. Brann
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania
DECIDED	March 31, 2026
DOCKET	No. 4:25-CV-01602
DISPOSITION	dismissed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Petition for a writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2254.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	A certificate of appealability requires a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right; when dismissal rests on a procedural ruling, the petitioner must also show that jurists of reason would find the procedural ruling debatable.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Unknown; district court order with no reporter citation.
PARTIES	Carol Ann Hann v. Warden of SCI-Muncy

TOPICS

- federal habeas corpus
- post-conviction relief
- appellate procedure
- standard of review

PRACTICE AREAS

- habeas corpus
- post-conviction relief
- appellate procedure

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether Hann's petition for a writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2254 should be dismissed.
2. Whether Hann was entitled to a certificate of appealability under 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2).

HOLDINGS

1. The court dismissed Hann's petition for a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254.
2. A certificate of appealability shall not issue because Hann did not make the required showing under 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2), including that reasonable jurists would debate the court's procedural ruling.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The available order contains no substantive factual background concerning the underlying conviction or claims. It identifies Carol Ann Hann as the petitioner and the Warden of SCI-Muncy as the respondent in a petition under 28 U.S.C. § 2254.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Hann filed a federal habeas petition under 28 U.S.C. § 2254. The United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania dismissed the petition, denied a certificate of appealability, and directed the Clerk to close the case.

DISPOSITION

dismissed

CASES CITED

- Slack v. McDaniel, 529 U.S. 473, 484 (2000)

OPINION

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA CAROL ANN HANN, No. 4:25-CV-01602 Petitioner, (Chief Judge Brann) v. WARDEN OF SCI-MUNCY, Respondent. ORDER AND NOW, this 31st day of March 2026, in accordance with the accompanying Memorandum, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that: 1. Petitioner Carol Ann Hann's petition for a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254 is DISMISSED.

2. A certificate of appealability shall not issue, as Hann has not made a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right, see 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2), or that "jurists of reason would find it debatable" whether this Court's procedural ruling is correct, Slack v. McDaniel, 529 U.S. 473, 484 (2000). 3.

The Clerk of Court is directed to CLOSE this case. BY THE COURT: s/ Matthew W. Brann
Matthew W. Brann Chief United States District Judge

