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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

ROBERT MICHAEL JOHNSON,

Petitioner - Appellant,

v.

TOM L. CAREY and BILL LOCKYER,

Respondents - Appellees.

No. 06-56738

D.C. No. CV-05-02012-JTM

MEMORANDUM\*

Appeal from the United States District Court  
for the Southern District of California  
Jeffrey T. Miller, District Judge, Presiding

Submitted March 8, 2011\*\*

Before: FARRIS, LEAVY, and BYBEE, Circuit Judges.

California state prisoner Robert Michael Johnson appeals pro se from the district court's judgment denying his 28 U.S.C. § 2254 habeas petition. We dismiss.

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\* This disposition is not appropriate for publication and is not precedent except as provided by 9th Cir. R. 36-3.

\*\* The panel unanimously concludes this case is suitable for decision without oral argument. *See* Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2).

Johnson contends that the Board's 2003 decision to deny him parole was not supported by "some evidence" and therefore violated his due process rights. After briefing was completed in this case, this court held that a certificate of appealability ("COA") is required to challenge the denial of parole. *See Hayward v. Marshall*, 603 F.3d 546, 554-55 (9th Cir. 2010) (en banc). Now the Supreme Court has held that the only federal right at issue in the parole context is procedural, and the only proper inquiry is what process the inmate received, not whether the state court decided the case correctly. *See Swarthout v. Cooke*, 131 S. Ct. 859, 862-63 (2011). Because Johnson raises no procedural challenges, a COA cannot issue, and we dismiss the appeal for lack of jurisdiction. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2).

**DISMISSED.**