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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

_	No. 16-7531	
ERNESTO WILFREDO SOLANC	GODOY,	
Petitioner - Ap	ppellant,	
v.		
DIRECTOR, VIRGINIA DEPART	MENT OF CORRE	CTIONS,
Respondent - A	Appellee.	
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Appeal from the United States D Alexandria. Leonie M. Brinkema,		
Submitted: April 28, 2017		Decided: May 10, 2017
Before WILKINSON, KEENAN, a	and DIAZ, Circuit Ju	dges.
Dismissed by unpublished per curia	am opinion.	
Ernesto Wilfredo Solano Godoy, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY Of Appellee.	Appellant Pro Se. GENERAL OF VIR	Susan Elizabeth Baumgartner, GINIA, Richmond, Virginia, for
Unpublished opinions are not bindi	ng precedent in this	circuit.

PER CURIAM:

Ernesto Wilfredo Solano Godoy seeks to appeal the district court's order denying relief on his 28 U.S.C. § 2254 (2012) petition. The order is not appealable unless a circuit justice or judge issues a certificate of appealability. 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(1)(A) (2012). A certificate of appealability will not issue absent "a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right." 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2) (2012). When the district court denies relief on the merits, a prisoner satisfies this standard by demonstrating that reasonable jurists would find that the district court's assessment of the constitutional claims is debatable or wrong. *Slack v. McDaniel*, 529 U.S. 473, 484 (2000); *see Miller-El v. Cockrell*, 537 U.S. 322, 336-38 (2003). When the district court denies relief on procedural grounds, the prisoner must demonstrate both that the dispositive procedural ruling is debatable, and that the petition states a debatable claim of the denial of a constitutional right. *Slack*, 529 U.S. at 484-85.

We have independently reviewed the record and conclude that Godoy has not made the requisite showing. Accordingly, we deny a certificate of appealability, deny leave to proceed in forma pauperis, and dismiss the appeal. We dispense with oral argument because the facts and legal contentions are adequately presented in the materials before this court and argument would not aid the decisional process.

DISMISSED