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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

No. 19-7479

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff - Appellee,

v.

ABDI MOHAMMED UMAR,

Defendant - Appellant.

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, at Norfolk. Mark S. Davis, Chief District Judge. (2:10-cr-0056-MSD-FBS-5; 2:16-cv-00392-MSD)

Submitted: June 16, 2020   Decided: June 23, 2020

Before KEENAN, WYNN, and QUATTLEBAUM, Circuit Judges.

Dismissed by unpublished per curiam opinion.

Abdi Mohammed Umar, Appellant Pro Se.

Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.

PER CURIAM:

Abdi Mohammed Umar seeks to appeal the district court's order denying relief on his 28 U.S.C. § 2255 (2018) motion based on *Johnson v. United States*, 135 S. Ct. 2551 (2015). The order is not appealable unless a circuit justice or judge issues a certificate of appealability. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(1)(B) (2018). 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) (2018). When the district court denies relief on the merits, a prisoner satisfies this standard by demonstrating that reasonable jurists could find the district court's assessment of the constitutional claims debatable or wrong. *See Buck v. Davis*, 137 S. Ct. 759, 773-74 (2017). When the district court denies relief on procedural grounds, the prisoner must demonstrate both that the dispositive procedural ruling is debatable and that the motion states a debatable claim of the denial of a constitutional right. *Gonzalez v. Thaler*, 565 U.S. 134, 140-41 (2012) (citing *Slack v. McDaniel*, 529 U.S. 473, 484 (2000)).

We have independently reviewed the record and conclude that Umar has not made the requisite showing. Accordingly, we deny his motion for a certificate of appealability 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