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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

ROBERT HOLMES, III,

Plaintiff - Appellant,

v.

FRANK DREESEN; et al.,

Defendants - Appellees.

No. 15-15468

D.C. No. 2:13-cv-01166-GMN-  
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MEMORANDUM\*

Appeal from the United States District Court  
for the District of Nevada  
Gloria M. Navarro, Chief Judge, Presiding

Submitted June 14, 2016\*\*

Before: BEA, WATFORD, and FRIEDLAND, Circuit Judges.

Robert Holmes, III, a former Nevada state prisoner, appeals pro se from the district court's summary judgment in his 42 U.S.C. § 1983 action alleging access-to-courts and retaliation claims. We have jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1291. We review de novo. *Bruce v. Ylst*, 351 F.3d 1283, 1287 (9th Cir. 2003). We affirm.

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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).

The district court properly granted summary judgment on Holmes's access-to-courts claims because Holmes failed to raise a genuine dispute of material fact as to whether he suffered prejudice to a direct appeal of a criminal conviction, a habeas petition, or a challenge to his conditions of confinement as a result of defendants' alleged conduct. *See Lewis v. Casey*, 518 U.S. 343, 348-355 (1996) (setting forth actual injury requirement).

The district court properly granted summary judgment on Holmes's retaliation claim because Holmes failed to raise a genuine dispute of material fact as to whether defendant Smith took an adverse action against Holmes because of his protected conduct. *See Jones v. Williams*, 791 F.3d 1023, 1035 (9th Cir. 2015) (setting forth elements of a retaliation claim in the prison context); *see also Wood v. Yordy*, 753 F.3d 899, 905 (9th Cir. 2014) (“[M]ere speculation that defendants acted out of retaliation is not sufficient.”).

**AFFIRMED.**