

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF IOWA

No. 3-1051 / 13-0057
Filed December 18, 2013

JOHN LEWIS ARTHUR ANDERSON,
Applicant-Appellant,

vs.

STATE OF IOWA,
Respondent-Appellee.

Appeal from the Iowa District Court for Polk County, Robert A. Hutchison,
Judge.

John Lewis Arthur Anderson appeals from the denial of his application for
postconviction relief. **AFFIRMED.**

Susan R. Stockdale, Des Moines, for appellant.

Thomas J. Miller, Attorney General, Mary A. Triick, Assistant Attorney
General, John P. Sarcone, County Attorney, and David Porter, Assistant County
Attorney, for appellee State.

Considered by Danilson, C.J., and Vaitheswaran and Potterfield, JJ.

POTTERFIELD, J.

John Lewis Arthur Anderson appeals from the denial of his application for postconviction relief. He asserts trial and appellate counsel were ineffective in failing to urge dismissal on speedy trial grounds. Counsel need not raise a meritless issue.¹ See *State v. Graves*, 668 N.W.2d 860, 881 (Iowa 2003).

Having reviewed the briefs of the parties, the record, the applicable law, and the district court's well-written ruling, pursuant to Iowa Rule of Appellate Procedure 6.1203(a) and (d), we affirm the district court's denial of his application for postconviction relief without further opinion.

AFFIRMED.

¹ The criminal trial court found good cause for delay—the effective assistance of defense counsel. See Iowa R. Crim. P. 2.33(2)(b) (“If a defendant indicted for a public offense has not waived the defendant’s right to a speedy trial the defendant must be brought to trial within 90 days . . . *unless good cause to the contrary be shown.*” (emphasis added)); *State v. Miller*, 637 N.W.2d 201, 205 (2001) (“We have repeatedly said that, under our rule, good cause ‘focuses on only one factor: the reason for the delay.’”).