

UNPUBLISHED

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

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No. 06-1356

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IN RE: DAVID M. KISSI,

Petitioner.

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On Petition for Writ of Mandamus.  
(8:05-cr-00254-AW)

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Submitted: June 22, 2006

Decided: June 28, 2006

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Before NIEMEYER, MICHAEL, and GREGORY, Circuit Judges.

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Petition denied by unpublished per curiam opinion.

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David M. Kissi, Petitioner Pro Se.

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Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.  
See Local Rule 36(c).

PER CURIAM:

David M. Kissi petitions for a writ of mandamus seeking an order postponing his criminal trial, directing a change of venue, and recusing the district court judge. We conclude that Kissi is not entitled to mandamus relief.

Mandamus relief is available only when the petitioner has a clear right to the relief sought. In re First Fed. Sav. & Loan Ass'n, 860 F.2d 135, 138 (4th Cir. 1988). Further, mandamus is a drastic remedy and should only be used in extraordinary circumstances. Kerr v. United States Dist. Court, 426 U.S. 394, 402 (1976); In re Beard, 811 F.2d 818, 826 (4th Cir. 1987). Finally, mandamus may not be used as a substitute for appeal. In re United Steelworkers, 595 F.2d 958, 960 (4th Cir. 1979).

The relief sought by Kissi is not available by way of mandamus. Accordingly, although we grant Kissi's motion to proceed in forma pauperis, we deny the petition for writ of mandamus. We dispense with oral argument because the facts and legal contentions are adequately presented in the materials before the court and argument would not aid the decisional process.

PETITION DENIED