

**UNPUBLISHED**

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

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**No. 06-7358**

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WILLIAM WASHINGTON,

Petitioner - Appellant,

versus

COLIE L. RUSHTON; HENRY DARGAN MCMASTER,  
Attorney General of the State of South  
Carolina,

Respondents - Appellees.

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Appeal from the United States District Court for the District of  
South Carolina, at Rock Hill. G. Ross Anderson, Jr., District  
Judge. (0:05-cv-02394-GRA)

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Submitted: February 5, 2007

Decided: February 12, 2007

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Before MICHAEL and MOTZ, Circuit Judges, and HAMILTON, Senior  
Circuit Judge.

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Dismissed by unpublished per curiam opinion.

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William Washington, Appellant Pro Se. William Edgar Salter, III,  
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Columbia, South  
Carolina, for Appellees.

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Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.

PER CURIAM:

William Washington seeks to appeal the district court's order accepting the recommendation of the magistrate judge and denying relief on his 28 U.S.C. § 2254 (2000) petition. The order is not appealable unless a circuit justice or judge issues a certificate of appealability. 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(1) (2000). 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) (2000). A prisoner satisfies this standard by demonstrating that reasonable jurists would find that any assessment of the constitutional claims by the district court is debatable or wrong and that any dispositive procedural ruling by the district court is likewise debatable. Miller-El v. Cockrell, 537 U.S. 322, 336-38 (2003); Slack v. McDaniel, 529 U.S. 473, 484 (2000); Rose v. Lee, 252 F.3d 676, 683-84 (4th Cir. 2001). We have independently reviewed the record and conclude that Washington has not made the requisite showing. Accordingly, we deny 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 the court and argument would not aid the decisional process.

DISMISSED