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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

No. 06-7612

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff - Appellee,

versus

MARVIN SPRY,

Defendant - Appellant.

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia, at Charleston. John T. Copenhaver, Jr., District Judge. (2:01-cr-00011-1; 2:03-cv-2317)

Submitted: February 26, 2007

Before MICHAEL, MOTZ, and KING, Circuit Judges.

Dismissed by unpublished per curiam opinion.

M. Timothy Koontz, Williamson, West Virginia, for Appellant. John Castle Parr, OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY, Wheeling, West Virginia, for Appellee.

Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.

Decided: March 13, 2007

PER CURIAM:

Marvin Spry seeks to appeal the district court's order accepting the recommendation of the magistrate judge and denying relief on his 28 U.S.C. § 2255 (2000) motion. 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 <u>Miller-El v. Cockrell</u>, 537 U.S. 322, 336-38 (2003); debatable. <u>Slack v. McDaniel</u>, 529 U.S. 473, 484 (2000); <u>Rose v. Lee</u>, 252 F.3d 676, 683-84 (4th Cir. 2001). We have independently reviewed the record and conclude that Spry 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