

**UNPUBLISHED**

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

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**No. 08-7234**

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ANTWAN JAMES CHURCHILL,

Petitioner - Appellant,

v.

RODERICK R. SOWERS, Warden; DOUGLAS GANSLER, Attorney  
General for the State of Maryland,

Respondents - Appellees.

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Appeal from the United States District Court for the District of  
Maryland, at Baltimore. Andre M. Davis, District Judge. (1:08-  
cv-00591-AMD)

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Submitted: October 21, 2008

Decided: October 29, 2008

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Before MICHAEL, TRAXLER, and DUNCAN, Circuit Judges.

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Dismissed by unpublished per curiam opinion.

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Antwan James Churchill, Appellant Pro Se. Edward John Kelley,  
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF MARYLAND, Baltimore, Maryland,  
for Appellee.

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Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.

PER CURIAM:

Antwan James Churchill seeks to appeal the district court's order dismissing as untimely 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 Churchill 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