

**UNPUBLISHED**

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

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**No. 08-8047**

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SAMUEL WESLEY-EL, a/k/a Rick, a/k/a Samuel Wesley, Jr.,

Petitioner - Appellant,

v.

J. D. WHITEHEAD, Warden,

Respondent - Appellee.

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Appeal from the United States District Court for the District of Maryland, at Baltimore. Catherine C. Blake, District Judge. (1:97-cr-00033-CCB-1; 1:08-cv-01958-CCB)

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Submitted: January 15, 2009

Decided: January 23, 2009

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

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Dismissed by unpublished per curiam opinion.

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Samuel Wesley-El, Appellant Pro Se.

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Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.

PER CURIAM:

Samuel Wesley-El seeks to appeal the district court's order construing his petition filed under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 (2006), as a successive 28 U.S.C. § 2255 (2006) motion and dismissing it for lack of jurisdiction, and the court's order denying reconsideration. The orders are not appealable unless a circuit justice or judge issues a certificate of appealability. 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(1) (2006). 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) (2006). 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 Wesley-El 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