

**UNPUBLISHED**

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

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**No. 10-6063**

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ERIC LEWIS,

Petitioner - Appellant,

v.

PATRICIA STANSBERRY, Warden; UNITED STATES PAROLE  
COMMISSION,

Respondents - Appellees.

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Appeal from the United States District Court for the Eastern  
District of Virginia, at Alexandria. Leonie M. Brinkema,  
District Judge. (1:09-cv-00266-LMB-JFA)

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Submitted: September 30, 2010

Decided: October 8, 2010

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Before NIEMEYER, AGEE, and KEENAN, Circuit Judges.

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Dismissed by unpublished per curiam opinion.

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Eric Lewis, Appellant Pro Se. Kevin J. Mikolashek, Catherine  
DeRoeper Wood, Assistant United States Attorneys, Alexandria,  
Virginia, for Appellees.

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Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.

PER CURIAM:

Eric Lewis, a District of Columbia Code Offender, seeks to appeal the district court's order denying relief on his 28 U.S.C.A. § 2241 (West 2006 & Supp. 2010) petition. The order is 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). When the district court denies relief on the merits, a prisoner satisfies this standard by demonstrating that reasonable jurists would find that the district court's assessment of the constitutional claims is debatable or wrong. Slack v. McDaniel, 529 U.S. 473, 484 (2000); see Miller-El v. Cockrell, 537 U.S. 322, 336-38 (2003). When the district court denies relief on procedural grounds, the prisoner must demonstrate both that the dispositive procedural ruling is debatable, and that the petition states a debatable claim of the denial of a constitutional right. Slack, 529 U.S. at 484-85. We have independently reviewed the record and conclude that Lewis has not made the requisite showing. Accordingly, we deny a certificate of appealability and dismiss the appeal. We deny Lewis's motions to appoint counsel and to expedite 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