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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

No. 12-1825

In Re: ANTHONY TOWNSEND,

Petitioner.

On Petition for Writ of Mandamus. (5:12-hc-02086-BO)

Submitted: November 21, 2012 Decided: November 28, 2012

Before GREGORY, SHEDD, and KEENAN, Circuit Judges.

Petition denied by unpublished per curiam opinion.

Anthony Townsend, Petitioner Pro Se.

Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.

PER CURIAM:

Anthony Townsend petitions for a writ of mandamus, alleging that the district court has unduly delayed in ruling on his 28 U.S.C. § 2254 (2006) petition. He seeks an order from this court directing the district court to act. We find the present record does not reveal undue delay in the district court. Accordingly, we grant leave to proceed in forma pauperis and deny the mandamus petition. We dispense with oral argument because the facts and legal contentions are adequately presented in the materials before this court and argument would not aid the decisional process.

PETITION DENIED