

**UNPUBLISHED**

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

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**No. 13-6323**

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff - Appellee,

v.

KENNETH D. BEVERLY,

Defendant - Appellant.

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Appeal from the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, at Richmond. Henry E. Hudson, District Judge. (3:05-cr-00526-HEH-1; 3:13-cv-00060)

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Submitted: June 13, 2013

Decided: June 17, 2013

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Before NIEMEYER, KING, and FLOYD, Circuit Judges.

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Dismissed by unpublished per curiam opinion.

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Kenneth D. Beverly, Appellant Pro Se. Steven T. Buck, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF VIRGINIA, Gurney Wingate Grant, II, Assistant United States Attorney, Gregg Robert Nivala, OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY, Richmond, Virginia, for Appellee.

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Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.

PER CURIAM:

Kenneth D. Beverly seeks to appeal the district court's order construing his Fed. R. Crim. P. 36 motion as a 28 U.S.C.A. § 2255 (West Supp. 2012) motion, and denying it as successive. Because we find that the district court correctly construed the motion, the order is not appealable unless a circuit justice or judge issues a certificate of appealability. 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(1)(B) (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 motion 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 Beverly has not made the requisite showing. Accordingly, we deny a certificate of appealability, deny leave to proceed in forma pauperis, and dismiss the appeal. 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.

DISMISSED