

**UNPUBLISHED**

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

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**No. 13-6524**

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff - Appellee,

v.

SERGIO MUJICA,

Defendant - Appellant.

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Appeal from the United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia, at Harrisonburg. Samuel G. Wilson, District Judge. (5:09-cr-00015-SGW-RSB-1; 5:12-cv-80452-SGW-RSB)

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Submitted: October 1, 2013

Decided: November 5, 2013

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Before KEENAN, WYNN, and DIAZ, Circuit Judges.

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Dismissed by unpublished per curiam opinion.

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Sergio Mujica, Appellant Pro Se. Sharon Burnham, Craig Jon Jacobsen, I, Assistant United States Attorneys, Roanoke, Virginia; Grayson A. Hoffman, Assistant United States Attorney, Harrisonburg, Virginia, for Appellee.

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Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.

PER CURIAM:

Sergio Mujica seeks to appeal the district court's order denying relief on his 28 U.S.C.A. § 2255 (West Supp. 2013) 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 Mujica has not made the requisite showing. Accordingly, we deny a certificate of appealability and dismiss the appeal. We grant Mujica's motion to amend or correct the informal brief and request for a certificate of appealability. 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