

**UNPUBLISHED**

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

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**No. 15-2120**

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In Re: MELVIN LEE LUCKY, a/k/a Melvin Lee Luckey,  
Petitioner.

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On Petition for Writ of Mandamus.  
(5:15-ct-03237-FL)

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Submitted: December 15, 2015                      Decided: December 17, 2015

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Before GREGORY and FLOYD, Circuit Judges, and DAVIS, Senior  
Circuit Judge.

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Petition denied by unpublished per curiam opinion.

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Melvin Lee Lucky, Petitioner Pro Se.

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Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.

PER CURIAM:

Melvin Lee Lucky petitions for a writ of mandamus seeking an order directing the district court to commute his sentence and order his immediate release from imprisonment. We conclude that Lucky is not entitled to mandamus relief.

Mandamus relief is a drastic remedy and should be used only in extraordinary circumstances. Kerr v. U.S. Dist. Court, 426 U.S. 394, 402 (1976); United States v. Moussaoui, 333 F.3d 509, 516-17 (4th Cir. 2003). Further, mandamus relief is available only when the petitioner has a clear right to the relief sought. In re First Fed. Sav. & Loan Ass'n, 860 F.2d 135, 138 (4th Cir. 1988). Mandamus may not be used as a substitute for appeal. In re Lockheed Martin Corp., 503 F.3d 351, 353 (4th Cir. 2007).

The relief sought by Lucky is not available by way of mandamus. Accordingly, we deny the petition for a writ of mandamus. 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