

UNPUBLISHED

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

No. 16-1763

In Re: CHRISTOPHER EARL COTTRELL,

Petitioner.

On Petition for Writ of Mandamus.
(3:16-cv-00200-HEH-RCY)

Submitted: October 13, 2016

Decided: October 17, 2016

Before NIEMEYER, DUNCAN, and WYNN, Circuit Judges.

Petition denied by unpublished per curiam opinion.

Christopher Earl Cottrell, Petitioner Pro Se.

Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.

PER CURIAM:

Christopher Earl Cottrell petitions for a writ of mandamus, alleging that the district court has unduly delayed ruling on his in forma pauperis application and his petition filed under 28 U.S.C. § 2254 (2012). He seeks an order from this court directing the district court to act. Because our review of the district court's docket reveals that the district court granted Cottrell leave to proceed in forma pauperis and denied his § 2254 petition, we deny the mandamus petition as moot. We grant leave to proceed in forma pauperis and 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