

**UNPUBLISHED**

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

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**No. 18-6040**

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DARRIN D. HOLSTON,

Petitioner - Appellant,

v.

LEROY CARTLEDGE,

Respondent - Appellee.

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Appeal from the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina, at Beaufort.  
Henry M. Herlong, Jr., Senior District Judge. (9:17-cv-00899-HMH-BM)

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Submitted: March 29, 2018

Decided: April 3, 2018

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Before AGEE and DIAZ, Circuit Judges, and HAMILTON, Senior Circuit Judge.

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Dismissed by unpublished per curiam opinion.

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Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.

PER CURIAM:

Darrin D. Holston seeks to appeal the district court's order adopting the magistrate judge's recommendation, denying Holston's motion to stay the proceedings without prejudice, and denying Holston's motion to amend his 28 U.S.C. § 2254 (2012) petition as moot. This court may exercise jurisdiction only over final orders, 28 U.S.C. § 1291 (2012), and certain interlocutory and collateral orders, 28 U.S.C. § 1292 (2012); Fed. R. Civ. P. 54(b); *Cohen v. Beneficial Indus. Loan Corp.*, 337 U.S. 541, 545-46 (1949). The order Holston seeks to appeal is neither a final order nor an appealable interlocutory or collateral order. Accordingly, we deny leave to proceed in forma pauperis and dismiss the appeal for lack of jurisdiction. 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*