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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

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_	No. 18-6288	
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	,	
Plaintiff - App	pellee,	
v.		
ROBERT BENTON, JR.,		
Defendant - A	ppellant.	
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Appeal from the United States Distriction Cameron McGowan Currie, Senior		
Submitted: May 24, 2018		Decided: May 30, 2018
Before NIEMEYER, MOTZ, and F	FLOYD, Circuit Judg	ges.
Dismissed by unpublished per curia	am opinion.	
Robert Benton, Jr., Appellant Pro S	Se.	
Unpublished opinions are not bindi	ing precedent in this	circuit.

PER CURIAM:

Robert Benton, Jr., seeks to appeal the district court's order construing his motion to correct a clerical error as a 28 U.S.C. § 2255 (2012) motion and dismissing the motion as successive and unauthorized. The order is not appealable unless a circuit justice or judge issues a certificate of appealability. 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(1)(B) (2012). 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) (2012). 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 Benton has not made the requisite showing. Accordingly, we deny a certificate of appealability 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