

UNPUBLISHED

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

No. 19-7138

DON FARMER,

Petitioner - Appellant,

v.

BERNARD BOOKER, Warden,

Respondent - Appellee.

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, at
Richmond. John A. Gibney, Jr., District Judge. (3:18-cv-00715-JAG-RCY)

Submitted: January 21, 2020

Decided: January 27, 2020

Before GREGORY, Chief Judge, NIEMEYER and KING, Circuit Judges.

Affirmed by unpublished per curiam opinion.

Don Farmer, Appellant Pro Se.

Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.

PER CURIAM:

Don Farmer appeals the district court's order denying as untimely his 28 U.S.C. § 2254 (2018) petition. On appeal, we confine our review to the issues raised in the Appellant's brief. *See* 4th Cir. R. 34(b). Because Farmer's informal brief does not challenge the basis for the district court's disposition, Farmer has forfeited appellate review of the court's order. *See Jackson v. Lightsey*, 775 F.3d 170, 177 (4th Cir. 2014) ("The informal brief is an important document; under Fourth Circuit rules, our review is limited to issues preserved in that brief."). Accordingly, we grant leave to proceed in forma pauperis and affirm the district court's judgment. We also deny as unnecessary a certificate of appealability. *See Harbison v. Bell*, 556 U.S. 180, 183 (2009). 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.

AFFIRMED