

UNPUBLISHED

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

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**No. 00-7006**

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ALEC RODNEY BROOKS,

Petitioner - Appellant,

versus

JON P. GALLEY, Warden; ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR  
THE STATE OF MARYLAND,

Respondents - Appellees.

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Appeal from the United States District Court for the District of  
Maryland, at Baltimore. Marvin J. Garbis, District Judge. (CA-00-  
1470-MJG)

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Submitted: August 30, 2000

Decided: September 11, 2000

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Before WIDENER, NIEMEYER, and WILLIAMS, Circuit Judges.

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Dismissed by unpublished per curiam opinion.

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Alec Rodney Brooks, Appellant Pro Se. John Joseph Curran, Jr., At-  
torney General, Mary Ann Rapp Ince, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
OF MARYLAND, Baltimore, Maryland, for Appellees.

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Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.  
See Local Rule 36(c).

PER CURIAM:

Alec Rodney Brooks seeks to appeal the district court's order denying relief on his petition filed under 28 U.S.C.A. § 2254 (West 1994 & Supp. 2000). We have reviewed the record and the district court's memorandum and find no reversible error. Accordingly, we deny a certificate of appealability and dismiss the appeal on the reasoning of the district court. See Brooks v. Galley, No. CA-00-1470-MJG (D. Md. July 13, 2000).<sup>\*</sup> We dispense with oral argument because the facts and legal contentions are adequately presented in the materials before the court and argument would not aid the decisional process.

DISMISSED

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<sup>\*</sup> Although the district court's order is marked as "filed" on July 12, 2000, the district court's records show that it was entered on the docket sheet on July 13, 2000. Pursuant to Rules 58 and 79(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, it is the date that the order was entered on the docket sheet that we take as the effective date of the district court's decision. See Wilson v. Murray, 806 F.2d 1232, 1234-35 (4th Cir. 1986).