

**UNPUBLISHED**

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

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**No. 01-7218**

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GERALD JOSE WILLIAMS,

Petitioner - Appellant,

versus

MICHAEL T. BELL,

Respondent - Appellee.

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Appeal from the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina, at Raleigh. Malcolm J. Howard, District Judge. (CA-00-677-5-H)

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Submitted: November 29, 2001

Decided: December 6, 2001

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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Dismissed by unpublished per curiam opinion.

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Gerald Jose Williams, Appellant Pro Se. Clarence Joe DelForge, III, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF NORTH CAROLINA, Raleigh, North Carolina, for Appellee.

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Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.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

PER CURIAM:

Gerald Jose Williams seeks to appeal the district court's order denying relief on his petition filed under 28 U.S.C.A. § 2254 (West 1994 & Supp. 2001). We have reviewed the record and the district court's opinion and find no reversible error. Accordingly, we deny a certificate of appealability and dismiss the appeal on the reasoning of the district court. Williams v. Bell, No. CA-00-677-5-H (E.D.N.C. filed June 20, 2001 & entered June 21, 2001). 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