

UNPUBLISHED

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

No. 02-6053

In Re: JOSEPH SLEDGE, JR.,

Petitioner.

On Petition for Writ of Mandamus.

Submitted: April 18, 2002

Decided: April 26, 2002

Before MOTZ, TRAXLER, and GREGORY, Circuit Judges.

Petition denied by unpublished per curiam opinion.

Joseph Sledge, Jr., Petitioner Pro Se.

Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.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

PER CURIAM:

Joseph Sledge, Jr., petitions for a writ of mandamus, seeking an order requiring a state court to rule on a pending "motion for appropriate relief." This court does not have jurisdiction to grant mandamus relief against state officials, Gurley v. Superior Court of Mecklenburg County, 411 F.2d 586, 587 (4th Cir. 1969), and does not have jurisdiction to review state court orders, District of Columbia Court of Appeals v. Feldman, 460 U.S. 462, 482 (1983). Accordingly, we do not have jurisdiction to grant the requested relief. Thus, although we grant the motion for leave to proceed in forma pauperis, we deny the petition for a writ of mandamus. 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.

PETITION DENIED