

UNPUBLISHED

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

No. 03-6091

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff - Appellee,

versus

DEAN ANTHONY BECKFORD, a/k/a Milo, a/k/a
Daniel Davis, a/k/a Smiley, a/k/a Smiles,

Defendant - Appellant.

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Eastern
District of Virginia, at Richmond. Robert E. Payne, District Judge.
(CR-96-66, CA-01-260)

Submitted: April 16, 2003

Decided: May 1, 2003

Before WILKINSON, MICHAEL, and TRAXLER, Circuit Judges.

Dismissed by unpublished per curiam opinion.

Dean Anthony Beckford, Appellant Pro Se. David John Novak, OFFICE
OF THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY, Richmond, Virginia, for Appellee.

Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.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

PER CURIAM:

Dean Anthony Beckford seeks to appeal the district court's order and order on reconsideration denying relief his 28 U.S.C. § 2255 (2000) motion. This Court may only grant a certificate of appealability if the appellant makes a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right. 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2) (2000). The relevant inquiry is whether "'reasonable jurists would find the district court's assessment of the constitutional claims debatable or wrong.'" See Miller-El v. Cockrell, 123 S. Ct. 1029, 1040 (2003) (quoting Slack v. McDaniel, 529 U.S. 473, 484 (2000)). We have independently reviewed the record and conclude that Beckford 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 the court and argument would not aid the decisional process.

DISMISSED