

UNPUBLISHED

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

No. 03-6532

WALTER LEE WRIGHT,

Petitioner - Appellant,

versus

JOSEPH P. SACCHET,

Respondent - Appellee.

Appeal from the United States District Court for the District of Maryland, at Baltimore. Alexander Williams, Jr., District Judge. (CA-03-333-8-AW)

Submitted: June 19, 2003

Decided: June 25, 2003

Before NIEMEYER, KING, and GREGORY, Circuit Judges.

Dismissed by unpublished per curiam opinion.

Walter Lee Wright, Appellant Pro Se.

Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.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

PER CURIAM:

Walter Lee Wright appeals the order of the district court denying relief on his claim filed under 28 U.S.C. § 2254 (2000). Wright's claim before the district court sought to challenge the judgment of a Maryland state court denying relief on an earlier civil rights complaint filed by Wright in that court. The writ of habeas corpus is available for those alleging they are "in custody in violation of the Constitution or laws or treaties of the United States." § 2254(a). Moreover, the district court does not have jurisdiction over the judgments of state courts. See District of Columbia Court of Appeals v. Feldman, 460 U.S. 462 (1983); Rooker v. Fidelity Trust Co., 263 U.S. 413 (1923) (noting exclusive jurisdiction over state court action is in the Supreme Court of the United States). Accordingly, because the relief sought by Wright was unavailable under § 2254, and because the district court did not have jurisdiction to consider the claim, we find no error in the district court's order of dismissal. We therefore 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