

**UNPUBLISHED**

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

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**No. 07-6932**

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ANTONIO BENJAMIN JACKSON,

Petitioner - Appellant,

versus

JAMES SMITH; 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 Greenbelt. Peter J. Messitte, District Judge.  
(8:06-cv-03264-PJM)

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Submitted: August 6, 2007

Decided: August 13, 2007

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Before MOTZ and TRAXLER, Circuit Judges, and WILKINS, Senior  
Circuit Judge.

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Dismissed by unpublished per curiam opinion.

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Antonio Benjamin Jackson, Appellant Pro Se. Edward John Kelley,  
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF MARYLAND, Baltimore, Maryland,  
for Appellees.

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Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.

PER CURIAM:

Antonio Benjamin Jackson seeks to appeal the district court's order dismissing as untimely his 28 U.S.C. § 2254 (2000) petition. The order is not appealable unless a circuit justice or judge issues a certificate of appealability. 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(1) (2000). A certificate of appealability will not issue absent "a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right." 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2) (2000). A prisoner satisfies this standard by demonstrating that reasonable jurists would find that any assessment of the constitutional claims by the district court is debatable or wrong and that any dispositive procedural ruling by the district court is likewise debatable. Miller-El v. Cockrell, 537 U.S. 322, 336-38 (2003); Slack v. McDaniel, 529 U.S. 473, 484 (2000); Rose v. Lee, 252 F.3d 676, 683-84 (4th Cir. 2001). We have independently reviewed the record and conclude that Jackson 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