

UNPUBLISHED

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

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No. 07-6990

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CHRISTOPHER DEON GATTIS,

Petitioner - Appellant,

versus

SUPERINTENDENT LAWRENCE SOLOMEN,

Respondent - Appellee.

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Appeal from the United States District Court for the Middle  
District of North Carolina, at Durham. Russell A. Eliason,  
Magistrate Judge. (1:06-cv-00598-RAE)

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Submitted: November 14, 2007

Decided: December 4, 2007

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Before MOTZ, KING, and SHEDD, Circuit Judges.

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Dismissed by unpublished per curiam opinion.

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Christopher Deon Gattis, Appellant Pro Se. Clarence Joe DelForge,  
III, Mary Carla Hollis, NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
Raleigh, North Carolina, for Appellee.

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Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.

PER CURIAM:

Christopher Deon Gattis seeks to appeal the district court's order denying relief on 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 Gattis has not made the requisite showing. Accordingly, we deny a certificate of appealability, deny leave to proceed in forma pauperis, and dismiss the appeal. We further deny Appellant's motions for a stay pending appeal and for discretionary leave to 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

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\*The parties consented to exercise of jurisdiction by a magistrate judge pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c) (2000).