

UNPUBLISHED

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

No. 96-2443

JAMES E. MUIR,

Plaintiff - Appellant,

versus

FEDERICO F. PENA, Secretary; GRACE CRUNICAN;
THOMAS R. HUNT; THOMAS W. MARA; BLEND
YOUNGER; DONALD R. DURKEE; ARTHUR A. LOPEZ;
SUSAN E. SCHRUTH,

Defendants - Appellees.

Appeal from the United States District Court for the District of
Maryland, at Baltimore. Catherine C. Blake, District Judge. (CA-
96-1600-CCB)

Submitted: February 27, 1997

Decided: March 10, 1997

Before MURNAGHAN, NIEMEYER, and MOTZ, Circuit Judges.

Affirmed by unpublished per curiam opinion.

James E. Muir, Appellant Pro Se. Lynne Ann Battaglia, United States
Attorney, Baltimore, Maryland, for Appellees.

Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.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

PER CURIAM:

Appellant appeals the district court's order denying his motion to reconsider. We review denial of such a motion for abuse of discretion. Temkin v. Frederick County Comm'rs, 945 F.2d 716, 724 (4th Cir. 1991). When the motion raises no new arguments but merely requests the district court to reconsider a legal issue or "change its mind," relief is not authorized. United States v. Williams, 674 F.2d 310, 312-13 (4th Cir. 1982). Here, Appellant raised no argument that would alter the district court's res judicata ruling. Therefore, the district court did not abuse its discretion in denying the motion, and we affirm its ruling. 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.

AFFIRMED