

UNPUBLISHED

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

No. 96-4407

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff - Appellee,

versus

MICHAEL ANTHONY HALL,

Defendant - Appellant.

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina, at Greensboro. James A. Beaty, Jr., District Judge. (CR-95-277)

Submitted: November 21, 1996

Decided: December 6, 1996

Before HALL, WILKINS, and HAMILTON, Circuit Judges.

Affirmed by unpublished per curiam opinion.

Danny T. Ferguson, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, for Appellant.
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Assistant United States Attorney, Greensboro, North Carolina, for
Appellee.

Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.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

PER CURIAM:

Michael Anthony Hall appeals his conviction for bank fraud in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1344 (1994). Hall claims he was denied effective assistance of counsel in that he felt pressured by his attorney to plead guilty. A claim of ineffective assistance is not properly raised on direct appeal unless the record discloses conclusively that defense counsel was ineffective. United States v. Williams, 977 F.2d 866, 871 (4th Cir. 1992), cert. denied, 507 U.S. 942 (1993). Because the record does not conclusively disclose that Hall was denied effective assistance of counsel, we will not address his ineffective assistance claim. Rather, Hall may bring his claim in a habeas corpus proceeding under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 (1994), amended by Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996, Pub. L. No. 104-132, 110 Stat. 1214. To the extent that Hall challenges the voluntariness of his guilty plea, our review of the record reveals that such a claim is without merit.

Accordingly, we affirm Hall's conviction and sentence. 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