

UNPUBLISHED

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

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**No. 97-6876**

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MILFORD JUNIOR MASON,

Plaintiff - Appellant,

versus

HAGERSTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT; PAUL S. HOOVER,  
Detective,

Defendants - Appellees.

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Appeal from the United States District Court for the District of Maryland, at Baltimore. Benson E. Legg, District Judge. (CA-96-4047-L)

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Submitted: December 17, 1998

Decided: January 15, 1999

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Before WILKINS, NIEMEYER, and TRAXLER, Circuit Judges.

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Dismissed by unpublished per curiam opinion.

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Milford Junior Mason, Appellant Pro Se. Kevin Bock Karpinski, ALLEN, JOHNSON, ALEXANDER & KARP, Baltimore, Maryland, for Appellees.

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Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.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

PER CURIAM:

Milford Junior Mason, a Maryland inmate, appeals the district court's order denying relief on his 42 U.S.C.A. § 1983 (West Supp. 1998) complaint under 28 U.S.C.A. § 1915A (West Supp. 1998). We have reviewed the record and the district court's opinion and find that this appeal is frivolous. Accordingly, we dismiss the appeal on the reasoning of the district court. See Mason v. Hagerstown Police Dep't, No. CA-96-4047-L (D. Md. May 20, 1997).\* 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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\* Although the district court's judgment or order is marked as "filed" on May 19, 1997, the district court's records show that it was entered on the docket sheet on May 20, 1997.

Pursuant to Rules 58 and 79(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, it is the date that the judgment or order was entered on the docket sheet that we take as the effective date of the district court's decision. See Wilson v. Murray, 806 F.2d 1232, 1234-35 (4th Cir. 1986).