

UNPUBLISHED

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

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**No. 98-6863**

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MARIO E. VALDEZ, JR.,

Petitioner - Appellant,

versus

RONALD ANGELONE, Director, Virginia Department  
of Corrections,

Respondent - Appellee.

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Appeal from the United States District Court for the Eastern  
District of Virginia, at Alexandria. Leonie M. Brinkema, District  
Judge. (CA-97-1164-AM)

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Submitted: November 5, 1998

Decided: November 19, 1998

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Before ERVIN, LUTTIG, and MOTZ, Circuit Judges.

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Dismissed by unpublished per curiam opinion.

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Mario E. Valdez, Jr., Appellant Pro Se. Steven Andrew Witmer,  
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF VIRGINIA, Richmond, Virginia, for  
Appellee.

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Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.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

PER CURIAM:

Mario E. Valdez, Jr., seeks to appeal the district court's order denying his petition filed under 28 U.S.C.A. § 2254 (West 1994 & Supp. 1998). We have reviewed the record and the district court's opinion and find no reversible error. Accordingly, we deny a certificate of appealability and dismiss the appeal on the reasoning of the district court. Valdez v. Angelone, No. CA-97-1164-AM (E.D. Va. May 7, 1998). 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