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Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.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

PER CURIAM:

This case appears before this court for the second time pursuant to the order of the Supreme Court of the United States vacating our prior judgment and remanding for further consideration in light of the Court's decision in Williams v. Taylor, 120 S. Ct. 1495 (2000). We now find that, although in denying relief under 28 U.S.C.A. § 2254 (West 1994 & Supp. 2000), the district court applied the "reasonable jurists" standard of Green v. French, 143 F.3d 865, 870 (4th Cir. 1998), cert. denied, 525 U.S. 1090 (1999), which was subsequently rejected by the Supreme Court, see Williams, 120 S. Ct. at 1522, the denial of relief nevertheless was correct under the standards announced in Williams. See id. at 1523. Consequently, we deny a certificate of appealability and dismiss the 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