

UNPUBLISHED

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

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**No. 99-6632**

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THOMAS D. CROOKS, JR.,

Petitioner - Appellant,

versus

MICHAEL W. MOORE, South Carolina Department of  
Corrections; RICKIE HARRISON, Warden; BOB  
STEWART, Chief, South Carolina Law Enforcement  
Division; LEON LOTT, Sheriff of Richland  
County; ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH  
CAROLINA,

Respondents - Appellees.

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Appeal from the United States District Court for the District of  
South Carolina, at Charleston. Joseph F. Anderson, Jr., District  
Judge. (CA-98-2458-2-17AJ)

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Submitted: September 30, 1999

Decided: October 6, 1999

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Before NIEMEYER, WILLIAMS, and MICHAEL, Circuit Judges.

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Dismissed by unpublished per curiam opinion.

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Thomas D. Crooks, Jr., Appellant Pro Se. Larry C. Batson, Sr.,  
Lesli Brown Darwin, SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS,  
Columbia, South Carolina, for Appellees.

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Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.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

PER CURIAM:

Thomas D. Crooks, Jr., appeals the district court's order denying relief on his petition filed under 28 U.S.C.A. § 2254 (West 1994 & Supp. 1999). We have reviewed the record and the district court's opinion accepting the recommendation of the magistrate judge and find no reversible error. Accordingly, we deny a certificate of appealability and dismiss the appeal on the reasoning of the district court. See Crooks v. Moore, No. CA-98-2458-2-17AJ (D.S.C. Apr. 26, 1999). 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