

UNPUBLISHED

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

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**No. 99-7196**

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JAMES FEATHERSTONE,

Petitioner - Appellant,

versus

RONALD HUTCHINSON, Warden of the Maryland  
House of Correction; ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THE  
STATE OF MARYLAND,

Respondents - Appellees.

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Appeal from the United States District Court for the District of  
Maryland, at Baltimore. William M. Nickerson, District Judge.  
(CA-99-175-WMN)

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Submitted: October 21, 1999

Decided: October 27, 1999

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Before WIDENER and TRAXLER, Circuit Judges, and BUTZNER, Senior  
Circuit Judge.

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Dismissed by unpublished per curiam opinion.

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James Featherstone, Appellant Pro Se. John Joseph Curran, Jr., At-  
torney General, Ann Norman Bosse, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF  
MARYLAND, Baltimore, Maryland, for Appellees.

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Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.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

PER CURIAM:

James Featherstone 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 and find no reversible error. Accordingly, we deny a certificate of appealability and dismiss the appeal on the reasoning of the district court. See Featherstone v. Hutchinson, No. CA-99-175-WMN (D. Md. Aug. 13, 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

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\* Although the district court's order is marked as "filed" on August 12, 1999, the district court's records show that it was entered on the docket sheet on August 13, 1999. Pursuant to Rules 58 and 79(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, it is the date that the 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).