

UNPUBLISHED

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

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**No. 99-7260**

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WILLIAM HARTMAN,

Petitioner - Appellant,

versus

SEWALL B. SMITH, Warden; 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 Greenbelt. Peter J. Messitte, District Judge. (CA-  
99-740-PJM)

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Submitted: December 7, 1999

Decided: December 27, 1999

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Before WILKINS and LUTTIG, Circuit Judges, and HAMILTON, Senior  
Circuit Judge.

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Dismissed by unpublished per curiam opinion.

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William Hartman, Appellant Pro Se. John Joseph Curran, Jr., Attor-  
ney 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Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.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:

William Hartman seeks to appeal 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 Hartman v. Smith, No. CA-99-740-PJM (D. Md. July 12, 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 memorandum and order are marked as "filed" July 9, 1999, the district court's records show that they were entered on the docket sheet on July 12, 1999. Pursuant to rules 58 and 79(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, it is the date that the memorandum and order were 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).