

**UNPUBLISHED**

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

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**No. 00-6248**

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ANTHONY T. SIMPSON,

Petitioner - Appellant,

versus

TOM C. MARTIN; ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE STATE  
OF NORTH CAROLINA,

Respondents - Appellees.

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Appeal from the United States District Court for the Western Dis-  
trict of North Carolina, at Charlotte. Graham C. Mullen, Chief Dis-  
trict Judge. (CA-97-20-3-2-MU)

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Submitted: January 18, 2001

Decided: January 23, 2001

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Before WIDENER and MICHAEL, Circuit Judges, and HAMILTON, Senior  
Circuit Judge.

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Dismissed by unpublished per curiam opinion.

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Anthony T. Simpson, Appellant Pro Se. Clarence Joe DelForge, III,  
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF NORTH CAROLINA, Raleigh, North  
Carolina, for Appellees.

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Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.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

PER CURIAM:

Anthony T. Simpson seeks to appeal the district court's order denying his motion to reconsider the denial of relief on his petition filed under 28 U.S.C.A. § 2254 (West 1994 & Supp. 2000). 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. Simpson v. Martin, No. CA-97-20-3-2-MU (W.D.N.C. Jan. 20, 2000). 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