

UNPUBLISHED

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

No. 00-7324

JOSHUA ORTEL HATFIELD,

Petitioner - Appellant,

versus

ROBERT SMITH, Superintendent; MIKE EASLEY,
Attorney General, North Carolina,

Respondents - Appellees.

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Western Dis-
trict of North Carolina, at Bryson City. Lacy H. Thornburg, Dis-
trict Judge. (CA-199-196-2)

Submitted: March 8, 2001

Decided: March 15, 2001

Before MOTZ, TRAXLER, and KING, Circuit Judges.

Dismissed by unpublished per curiam opinion.

Joshua Ortel Hatfield, Appellant Pro Se. Clarence Joe DelForge,
III, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF NORTH CAROLINA, Raleigh,
North Carolina, for Appellees.

Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.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

PER CURIAM:

Joshua Ortel Hatfield seeks to appeal the district court's order denying 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, deny Hatfield's motion to proceed in forma pauperis, and dismiss the appeal on the reasoning of the district court. Hatfield v. Smith, No. CA-199-196-2 (W.D.N.C. Aug. 11, 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