

**UNPUBLISHED**

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

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**No. 04-7547**

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ARTHUR CLEMENT BROOKS, JR.,

Plaintiff - Appellant,

versus

KATHLEEN BASSETT, Warden,

Defendant - Appellee.

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Appeal from the United States District Court for the Western  
District of Virginia, at Roanoke. Samuel G. Wilson, District  
Judge. (CA-03-805-7-SGW)

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Submitted: December 16, 2004

Decided: December 28, 2004

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Before MICHAEL, KING, and SHEDD, Circuit Judges.

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Dismissed by unpublished per curiam opinion.

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Robert H. Anderson, III, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF  
VIRGINIA, Richmond, Virginia, for Appellee.

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Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.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

PER CURIAM:

Arthur Clement Brooks, Jr., a Virginia inmate, seeks to appeal the district court's order denying relief on his petition filed under 28 U.S.C. § 2254 (2000). An appeal may not be taken from the final order in a habeas corpus proceeding unless a circuit justice or judge issues a certificate of appealability. 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(1) (2000). A certificate of appealability will not issue absent "a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right." 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2) (2000). A prisoner satisfies this standard by demonstrating that reasonable jurists would find that his constitutional claims are debatable and that any dispositive procedural rulings by the district court are also debatable or wrong. See Miller-El v. Cockrell, 537 U.S. 322, 336 (2003); Slack v. McDaniel, 529 U.S. 473, 484 (2000); Rose v. Lee, 252 F.3d 676, 683 (4th Cir. 2001). We have independently reviewed the record and conclude that Brooks has not made the requisite showing. Accordingly, we deny a certificate of appealability and dismiss the appeal. 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