

**UNPUBLISHED**

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

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**No. 96-7239**

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ALEXANDER WOODARD, JR.,

Petitioner - Appellant,

versus

RICK JACKSON; STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

Respondents - Appellees.

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Appeal from the United States District Court for the Western District of North Carolina, at Charlotte. Graham C. Mullen, District Judge. (CA-95-453-MU)

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Submitted: February 13, 1997

Decided: February 26, 1997

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

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Dismissed by unpublished per curiam opinion.

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Alexander Woodard, Jr., 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Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.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:

Appellant appeals the district court's order denying relief on his petition filed under 28 U.S.C. § 2254 (1994), amended by Anti-terrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996, Pub. L. No. 104-132, 110 Stat. 1214. 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. Woodard v. Jackson, No. CA-95-453-MU (W.D.N.C. July 31, 1996). 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