

UNPUBLISHED

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

No. 97-7254

ABRON INGRAM, JR.,

Petitioner - Appellant,

versus

RONALD J. ANGELONE, Director of the Virginia
Department of Corrections,

Respondent - Appellee.

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Eastern Dis-
trict of Virginia, at Norfolk. Rebecca B. Smith, District Judge.
(CA-97-237)

Submitted: July 22, 1998

Decided: July 31, 1998

Before ERVIN, MICHAEL and MOTZ, Circuit Judges.

Dismissed by unpublished per curiam opinion.

Abron Ingram, Jr., Appellant Pro Se. Kimberley Ann Whittle, John
Kenneth Byrum, Jr., OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF VIRGINIA,
Richmond, Virginia, for Appellee.

Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.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.A. § 2254 (West 1994 & Supp. 1998). We have reviewed the record and the district court's opinion accepting the recommendation of the magistrate judge and find no reversible error. Accordingly, we deny a certificate of appealability and dismiss the appeal substantially on the reasoning of the district court. Ingram v. Angelone, No. CA-97-237 (E.D. Va. Aug. 7, 1997). In addition, we decline to address claims raised for the first time on 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