

UNPUBLISHED

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

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**No. 98-7735**

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TRACY HAWES,

Petitioner - Appellant,

versus

THOMAS R. CORCORAN; ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE  
STATE OF MARYLAND,

Respondents - Appellees.

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Appeal from the United States District Court for the District of  
Maryland, at Greenbelt. Peter J. Messitte, District Judge. (CA-  
98-2981-PJM)

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Submitted: February 11, 1999

Decided: February 25, 1999

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Before ERVIN, NIEMEYER, and TRAXLER, Circuit Judges.

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Dismissed by unpublished per curiam opinion.

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Tracy Hawes, Appellant Pro Se. John Joseph Curran, Jr., Attorney  
General, David Jonathan Taube, Assistant Attorney General, Ann  
Norman Bosse, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF MARYLAND, Balti-  
more, Maryland, for Appellees.

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Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.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

PER CURIAM:

Tracy Hawes 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 and find no reversible error. Accordingly, we deny a certificate of appealability and dismiss the appeal on the reasoning of the district court. See Hawes v. Corcoran, No. CA-98-2981-PJM (D. Md. Nov. 10, 1998).\* 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

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\* Although the district court's order is marked "filed" on November 9, 1998, the district court's records show that it was entered on the docket sheet on November 10, 1998. Pursuant to Rules 58 and 79(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, it is the date that the order was entered on the docket sheet that we take as the effective date of the district court's decision. See Wilson v. Murray, 806 F.2d 1232, 1234-35 (4th Cir. 1986).