

UNPUBLISHED

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

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**No. 99-6318**

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ROBERT F. KENNEDY, a/k/a Roy Lee Kennedy,

Petitioner - Appellant,

versus

EARL BESHEARS; ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THE STATE  
OF MARYLAND,

Respondents - Appellees.

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Appeal from the United States District Court for the District of  
Maryland, at Baltimore. Benson E. Legg, District Judge. (CA-96-  
3546-L)

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Submitted: June 17, 1999

Decided: June 24, 1999

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Before MURNAGHAN and TRAXLER, Circuit Judges, and BUTZNER, Senior  
Circuit Judge.

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Dismissed by unpublished per curiam opinion.

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Robert F. Kennedy, Appellant Pro Se. John Joseph Curran, Jr.,  
Attorney General, Ann Norman Bosse, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
OF MARYLAND, Baltimore, Maryland, for Appellees.

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Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.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

PER CURIAM:

Robert Kennedy seeks to appeal the district court's order denying relief on his petition filed under 28 U.S.C.A. § 2254 (West 1994 & Supp. 1999). 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 on the reasoning of the district court. See Kennedy v. Beshears, No. CA-96-3546-L (D. Md. Feb. 24, 1999).\* 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 as "filed" on February 23, 1999, the district court's records show that it was entered on the docket sheet on February 24, 1999. 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).