

**UNPUBLISHED**

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

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**No. 99-6974**

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff - Appellee,

versus

CHRISTOPHER LANE PITMAN,

Defendant - Appellant.

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Appeal from the United States District Court for the Western District of North Carolina, at Statesville. Richard L. Voorhees, District Judge. (CR-96-12, CA-99-43-1-5-V)

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Submitted: February 24, 2000

Decided: March 1, 2000

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Before MOTZ and KING, Circuit Judges, and BUTZNER, Senior Circuit Judge.

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Dismissed by unpublished per curiam opinion.

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Christopher Lane Pitman, Appellant Pro Se. Brian Lee Whisler, OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY, Charlotte, North Carolina, for Appellee.

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Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.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

PER CURIAM:

Christopher Lane Pitman seeks to appeal the district court's orders denying his motion filed under 28 U.S.C.A. § 2255 (West Supp. 1999) and motion for reconsideration. 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 United States v. Pitman, Nos. CR-96-12; CA-99-43-1-5-V (W.D.N.C. April 27 & July 12, 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 orders are marked as "filed" on April 21, 1999, and July 2, 1999, the district court's records show that they were entered on the docket sheet on April 27, 1999, and on July 12, 1999, respectively. Pursuant to Rules 58 and 79(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, it is the date 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).