

UNPUBLISHED

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

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**No. 99-7251**

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ROBERT ALLISON BRUCE,

Petitioner - Appellant,

versus

RONALD ANGELONE,

Respondent - Appellee.

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Appeal from the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, at Norfolk. Jerome B. Friedman, District Judge. (CA-98-1426-2)

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Submitted: May 31, 2000

Decided: October 17, 2000

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Before WIDENER, NIEMEYER, and MICHAEL, Circuit Judges.

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Dismissed by unpublished per curiam opinion.

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Robert Allison Bruce, Appellant Pro Se. Michael Thomas Judge, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF VIRGINIA, Richmond, Virginia, for Appellee.

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Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.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

PER CURIAM:

Robert Allison Bruce seeks to appeal the district court's order denying relief on his petition filed under 28 U.S.C.A. § 2254 (West 1994 & Supp. 2000). 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 Bruce v. Angelone, No. CA-98-1426-2 (E.D. Va. Aug. 19, 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 relied upon Green v. French, 143 F.3d 865 (4th Cir. 1998), cert. denied, 523 U.S. 1090 (1999), the denial of relief under 28 U.S.C.A. § 2254 was still correct under the standards announced in Williams v. Taylor, \_\_\_ U.S. \_\_\_, 120 S. Ct. 1495, 1523 (2000).