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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

No. 02-7100

RON TEARIA NICHOLAS,

Petitioner - Appellant,

versus

GERALDINE MIRO, Warden Allendale Correctional Institution; CHARLES M. CONDON, Attorney General of South Carolina,

Respondents - Appellees.

Appeal from the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina, at Charleston. David C. Norton, District Judge. (CA-01-4372-18BG)

Submitted: September 19, 2002 Decided: September 30, 2002

Before WILKINS, LUTTIG, and TRAXLER, Circuit Judges.

Dismissed by unpublished per curiam opinion.

Ron Tearia Nicholas, Appellant Pro Se. Donald John Zelenka, Chief Deputy Attorney General, Columbia, South Carolina, for Appellees.

Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.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

PER CURIAM:

Ron Tearia Nicholas seeks to appeal the district court's order denying relief on his petition filed under 28 U.S.C. § 2254 (2000). 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 Nicholas v. Miro, No. CA-01-4372-18BG (D.S.C. filed June 24, 2002, entered June 25, 2002). 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