

FILED: September 29, 2020

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

No. 20-6816
(1:19-cv-01397-AJT-IDD)

TERRANCE LEON WASHINGTON

Petitioner - Appellant

v.

CRYSTAL WILLETT, Superintendent of Meherrin River Regional Jail

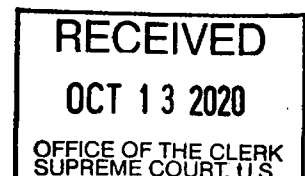
Respondent - Appellee

JUDGMENT

In accordance with the decision of this court, the judgment of the district court is affirmed.

This judgment shall take effect upon issuance of this court's mandate in accordance with Fed. R. App. P. 41.

/s/ PATRICIA S. CONNOR, CLERK



APPENDIX A.

UNPUBLISHED

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Respondent - Appellee.

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, at Alexandria. Anthony John Trenga, District Judge. (1:19-cv-01397-AJT-IDD)

Submitted: September 24, 2020

Decided: September 29, 2020

Before HARRIS and RICHARDSON, Circuit Judges, and TRAXLER, Senior Circuit Judge.

Affirmed by unpublished per curiam opinion.

Terrance Leon Washington, Appellant Pro Se.

Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.

PER CURIAM:

Terrance Leon Washington appeals the district court's order dismissing without prejudice his 28 U.S.C. § 2241 petition for failure to comply with the court's order to show cause why his petition should not be dismissed as moot.* On appeal, we confine our review to the issues raised in the informal brief. *See* 4th Cir. R. 34(b). Because Washington's informal brief does not challenge the basis for the district court's disposition, he has forfeited appellate review of the court's order. *See Jackson v. Lightsey*, 775 F.3d 170, 177 (4th Cir. 2014) ("The informal brief is an important document; under Fourth Circuit rules, our review is limited to issues preserved in that brief."). Accordingly, we affirm the district court's order. We dispense with oral argument because the facts and legal contentions are adequately presented in the materials before this court and argument would not aid the decisional process.

AFFIRMED

* Because the district court dismissed Washington's action "for procedural reasons unrelated to the contents of the pleadings," we have jurisdiction over this appeal. *Goode v. Cent. Va. Legal Aid Soc'y, Inc.*, 807 F.3d 619, 624 (4th Cir. 2015); *see Bing v. Brivo Sys., LLC*, 959 F.3d 605, 611-12 (4th Cir. 2020) (discussing factors courts consider in determining whether order is final and appealable).

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

Alexandria Division

Terrance Leon Washington,
Petitioner,

v.

Crystal Willett,
Respondent.

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1:19cv1397 (AJT/IDD)

ORDER

By Order dated March 25, 2020, the Court instructed pro se petitioner Terrence L. Washington to show cause within twenty-one days why his petition for a writ of habeas corpus brought under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 should not be dismissed as moot. [Dkt. No. 17]. With the fourteen-day extension for all filing deadlines on or before April 15, 2020, granted by General Order No. 2020-07, Washington was required to show cause by April 29, 2020. That deadline has passed, and Washington has submitted nothing further in this action. Therefore, given the Court's inherent authority to manage its docket, see Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. v. Haeger, 137 S. Ct. 1178, 1186 (2017), and the criteria for dismissals under Rule 41(b) set forth in Attkisson v. Holder, 925 F.3d 606, 625 (4th Cir. 2019), the Court will dismiss this civil action without prejudice based on Washington's failure to comply with the Court's Order.


Accordingly, it is hereby

ORDERED that this civil action be and is DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE.

To appeal this decision, petitioner must file a written notice of appeal with the Clerk's office within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. See Fed. R. App. P. 4(a). A written notice of appeal is a short statement indicating a desire to appeal and including the date of the Order

petitioner wishes to appeal. Failure to file a timely notice of appeal waives the right to appeal this decision.

The Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Order to petitioner and to close this civil action.



Anthony J. Trenga
United States District Judge

Entered this 13th day of May 2020.

Alexandria, Virginia