

**UNPUBLISHED****UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT**

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**No. 21-1278**

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In re: TERRON GERHARD DIZZLEY,

Petitioner.

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On Petition for Writ of Mandamus. (8:20-cv-00126-JD)

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Submitted: June 24, 2021

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Decided: June 28, 2021

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Before KING and THACKER, Circuit Judges, and TRAXLER, Senior Circuit Judge.

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Petition denied by unpublished per curiam opinion.

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Terron Gerhard Dizzley, Petitioner Pro Se.

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Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.

**PER CURIAM:**

Terron Gerhard Dizzley, a state prisoner, petitions for a writ of mandamus. He asserts that his convictions violated the Double Jeopardy Clause and requests an order compelling his immediate release from incarceration. We conclude that Dizzley is not entitled to mandamus relief.

Mandamus relief is a drastic remedy and should be used only in extraordinary circumstances. *Cheney v. U.S. Dist. Ct.*, 542 U.S. 367, 380 (2004); *In re Murphy-Brown, LLC*, 907 F.3d 788, 795 (4th Cir. 2018). Further, mandamus relief is available only when the petitioner has a clear right to the relief sought and “has no other adequate means to attain the relief [he] desires,” *Murphy-Brown*, 907 F.3d at 795 (alteration and internal quotation marks omitted), and mandamus may not be used as a substitute for appeal, *In re Lockheed Martin Corp.*, 503 F.3d 351, 353 (4th Cir. 2007).

The relief sought by Dizzley is not available by way of mandamus. Accordingly, we deny the petition for writ of mandamus, deny Dizzley’s motion requesting “an answer on the merits” of his petition, and deny his motion for “an expedited hearing.” 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.

***PETITION DENIED***

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NOTICE OF JUDGMENT

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Judgment was entered on this date in accordance with Fed. R. App. P. 36. Please be advised of the following time periods:

**PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI:** The time to file a petition for writ of certiorari runs from the date of entry of the judgment sought to be reviewed, and not from the date of issuance of the mandate. If a petition for rehearing is timely filed in the court of appeals, the time to file the petition for writ of certiorari for all parties runs from the date of the denial of the petition for rehearing or, if the petition for rehearing is granted, the subsequent entry of judgment. See Rule 13 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of the United States; [www.supremecourt.gov](http://www.supremecourt.gov).

**VOUCHERS FOR PAYMENT OF APPOINTED OR ASSIGNED COUNSEL:**

Vouchers must be submitted within 60 days of entry of judgment or denial of rehearing, whichever is later. If counsel files a petition for certiorari, the 60-day period runs from filing the certiorari petition. (Loc. R. 46(d)). If payment is being made from CJA funds, counsel should submit the CJA 20 or CJA 30 Voucher through the CJA eVoucher system. In cases not covered by the Criminal Justice Act, counsel should submit the Assigned Counsel Voucher to the clerk's office for payment from the Attorney Admission Fund. An Assigned Counsel Voucher will be sent to counsel shortly after entry of judgment. Forms and instructions are also available on the court's web site, [www.ca4.uscourts.gov](http://www.ca4.uscourts.gov), or from the clerk's office.

**BILL OF COSTS:** A party to whom costs are allowable, who desires taxation of costs, shall file a Bill of Costs within 14 calendar days of entry of judgment. (FRAP 39, Loc. R. 39(b)).

**PETITION FOR REHEARING AND PETITION FOR REHEARING EN BANC:**

**BANC:** A petition for rehearing must be filed within 14 calendar days after entry of judgment, except that in civil cases in which the United States or its officer or agency is a party, the petition must be filed within 45 days after entry of judgment. A petition for rehearing en banc must be filed within the same time limits and in the same document as the petition for rehearing and must be clearly identified in the title. The only grounds for an extension of time to file a petition for rehearing are the death or serious illness of counsel or a family member (or of a party or family member in pro se cases) or an extraordinary circumstance wholly beyond the control of counsel or a party proceeding without counsel.

Each case number to which the petition applies must be listed on the petition and included in the docket entry to identify the cases to which the petition applies. A timely filed petition for rehearing or petition for rehearing en banc stays the mandate and tolls the running of time for filing a petition for writ of certiorari. In consolidated criminal appeals, the filing of a petition for rehearing does not stay the mandate as to co-defendants not joining in the petition for rehearing. In consolidated civil appeals arising from the same civil action, the court's mandate will issue at the same time in all appeals.

A petition for rehearing must contain an introduction stating that, in counsel's judgment, one or more of the following situations exist: (1) a material factual or legal matter was overlooked; (2) a change in the law occurred after submission of the case and was overlooked; (3) the opinion conflicts with a decision of the U.S. Supreme Court, this court, or another court of appeals, and the conflict was not addressed; or (4) the case involves one or more questions of exceptional importance. A petition for rehearing, with or without a petition for rehearing en banc, may not exceed 3900 words if prepared by computer and may not exceed 15 pages if handwritten or prepared on a typewriter. Copies are not required unless requested by the court. (FRAP 35 & 40, Loc. R. 40(c)).

**MANDATE:** In original proceedings before this court, there is no mandate. Unless the court shortens or extends the time, in all other cases, the mandate issues 7 days after the expiration of the time for filing a petition for rehearing. A timely petition for rehearing, petition for rehearing en banc, or motion to stay the mandate will stay issuance of the mandate. If the petition or motion is denied, the mandate will issue 7 days later. A motion to stay the mandate will ordinarily be denied, unless the motion presents a substantial question or otherwise sets forth good or probable cause for a stay. (FRAP 41, Loc. R. 41).

**U.S. COURT OF APPEAL FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT BILL OF COSTS FORM**  
**(Civil Cases)**

**Directions:** Under FRAP 39(a), the costs of appeal in a civil action are generally taxed against appellant if a judgment is affirmed or the appeal is dismissed. Costs are generally taxed against appellee if a judgment is reversed. If a judgment is affirmed in part, reversed in part, modified, or vacated, costs are taxed as the court orders. A party who wants costs taxed must, within 14 days after entry of judgment, file an itemized and verified bill of costs, as follows:

- Itemize any fee paid for docketing the appeal. The fee for docketing a case in the court of appeals is \$500 (effective 12/1/2013). The \$5 fee for filing a notice of appeal is recoverable as a cost in the district court.
- Itemize the costs (not to exceed \$.15 per page) for copying the necessary number of formal briefs and appendices. (Effective 10/1/2015, the court requires 1 copy when filed; 3 more copies when tentatively calendared; 0 copies for service unless brief/appendix is sealed.). The court bases the cost award on the page count of the electronic brief/appendix. Costs for briefs filed under an informal briefing order are not recoverable.
- Cite the statutory authority for an award of costs if costs are sought for or against the United States. See 28 U.S.C. § 2412 (limiting costs to civil actions); 28 U.S.C. § 1915(f)(1) (prohibiting award of costs against the United States in cases proceeding without prepayment of fees).

Any objections to the bill of costs must be filed within 14 days of service of the bill of costs. Costs are paid directly to the prevailing party or counsel, not to the clerk's office.

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Prevailing Party Requesting Taxation of Costs: \_\_\_\_\_

Appellate Docketing Fee (prevailing appellants):			Amount Requested: _____		Amount Allowed: _____	
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	Requested	Allowed (court use only)	Requested	Allowed (court use only)	Requested	Allowed (court use only)
<b>TOTAL BILL OF COSTS:</b>					<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

1. If copying was done commercially, I have attached itemized bills. If copying was done in-house, I certify that my standard billing amount is not less than \$.15 per copy or, if less, I have reduced the amount charged to the lesser rate.
2. If costs are sought for or against the United States, I further certify that 28 U.S.C. § 2412 permits an award of costs.
3. I declare under penalty of perjury that these costs are true and correct and were necessarily incurred in this action.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Certificate of Service**

I certify that on this date I served this document as follows:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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JUDGMENT

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In accordance with the decision of this court, the petition for writ of  
mandamus is denied.

/s/ PATRICIA S. CONNOR, CLERK

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
 FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
 ANDERSON/GREENWOOD DIVISION

Terron Gerhard Dizzley,	)	
	)	
Petitioner,	)	C.A. No. 8:20-00126-JD-JDA
	)	
vs.	)	<b>OPINION &amp; ORDER</b>
	)	
Warden Stephon,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

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This matter is before the court with the Report and Recommendation of United States Magistrate Judge Jacquelyn D. Austin, made in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1) and Local Civil Rule 73.02 of the District of South Carolina.<sup>1</sup> (DE 8.) Petitioner Terron Gerhard Dizzley (“Dizzley”), a state prisoner, proceeding pro se, brings this habeas corpus action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. (DE 1.) Dizzley presents claims similar to those raised in a post-conviction relief (“PCR”) action he filed in Georgetown County Court of Common Pleas at case number 2015-CP-22-00845. In her Report and Recommendation, Magistrate Judge Austin recommends that this action be dismissed without prejudice and without requiring the Respondent to file an answer or return.

Dizzley filed objections to the Report and Recommendation. (DE 11.) However, upon review, the court finds that Dizzley’s objections are moot because Dizzley failed to exhaust his

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<sup>1</sup> The recommendation has no presumptive weight, and the responsibility for making a final determination remains with the United States District Court. See Mathews v. Weber, 423 U.S. 261, 270-71 (1976). The court is charged with making a de novo determination of those portions of the Report and Recommendation to which specific objection is made. The court may accept, reject, or modify, in whole or in part, the recommendation made by the magistrate judge or recommit the matter with instructions. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1).

administrative remedies as similar claims made by Dizzley are pending in state court. See Dizzley v. State of South Carolina, No. 2015-CP-22-00845 (“*Dizzley PCR Action*”).<sup>1</sup> In light of these pending actions, this Court lacks jurisdiction to adjudicate the claims before the Court.<sup>2</sup> Therefore, after a thorough review of the magistrate judge’s Report and the record in this case, the court adopts Magistrate Judge Austin’s Report and Recommendation and incorporates it herein by reference.

It is therefore **ORDERED** that the Petitioner’s action be dismissed without prejudice and without requiring the Respondent to file an answer or return.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

s/ Joseph Dawson, III

Joseph Dawson, III

United States District Judge

Greenville, South Carolina  
February 2, 2021

**NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL**

Plaintiff is hereby notified that he has the right to appeal this order within thirty (30) days from the date hereof, pursuant to Rules 3 and 4 of the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure.

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<sup>1</sup> Available at <https://publicindex.sccourts.org/Georgetown/PublicIndex/PISearch.aspx> (search case number “2015CP2200845”) (last visited Feb. 2, 2020); see also, <https://ctrack.sccourts.org/public/caseView.do?csID=71679> (last visited Feb. 2, 2021).

<sup>2</sup> By the filing of this Order, the Court also dismisses as moot Petitioner’s Motion to Amend Issuance of Show Cause Order (DE 32) and Motion to Amend (DE 34) without further Order.

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O R D E R

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The court denies the petition for rehearing and rehearing en banc. No judge requested a poll under Fed. R. App. P. 35 on the petition for rehearing en banc.

Entered at the direction of the panel: Judge King, Judge Thacker, and Senior Judge Traxler.

For the Court

/s/ Patricia S. Connor, Clerk

