

**CLD-125**

**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE THIRD CIRCUIT**

C.A. No. **25-1110**

VERNON MONTGOMERY,  
Appellant

v.

WARDEN JAMES T VAUGHN CORRECTIONAL CENTER; ET AL.

(D. Del. Civ. No. 1:22-cv-01023)

Present: KRAUSE, PHIPPS, and SCIRICA, Circuit Judges

Submitted are:

- 1) Appellant's Request for a Certificate of Appealability under 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(1);
- 2) Addendum by Appellant in Support of Certificate of Appealability;
- 3) Motion to Include 3 Paragraph Addendum to Motion for Certificate of Appealability;
- 4) Motion to Stay C.O.A proceedings pending Motion for Remand in District Court; and
- 5) Document in Support of Appeal, filed April 28, 2025

in the above-captioned case.

Respectfully,

Clerk

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ORDER

Appellant Montgomery's motion to include a three-paragraph addendum to his petition for a Certificate of Appealability is granted; however, Appellant's request for a Certificate of Appealability is denied. See 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c). Jurists of reason would agree, without debate, that the District Court properly dismissed Appellant's habeas petition and denied the relief requested therein, for essentially the reasons set forth in the District Court's opinion. See Miller-El v. Cockrell, 537 U.S. 322, 336 (2003); Slack v. McDaniel, 529 U.S. 473, 484 (2000). More specifically, Appellant's claims are barred by Stone v. Powell, 428 U.S. 465 (1976), or inexcusably procedurally defaulted. Montgomery's motion to stay proceedings and remand to the District Court is also denied.

By the Court,

s/ Cheryl Ann Krause  
Circuit Judge

Dated: May 29, 2025  
Tmm/cc: Vernon Montgomery  
Andrew J. Vella, Esq.



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RE: Vernon Montgomery v. Warden James T Vaughn Correctional Center, et al  
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ENTRY OF JUDGMENT

Today, **May 29, 2025**, the Court issued a case dispositive order in the above-captioned matter which serves as this Court's judgment. Fed. R. App. P. 36.

If you wish to seek review of the Court's decision, you may file a petition for rehearing. The procedures for filing a petition for rehearing are set forth in Fed. R. App. P. 35 and 40, 3rd Cir. LAR 35 and 40, and summarized below.

Time for Filing:

14 days after entry of judgment.

45 days after entry of judgment in a civil case if the United States is a party.

Form Limits:

3900 words if produced by a computer, with a certificate of compliance pursuant to Fed. R. App. P. 32(g).

15 pages if hand or type written.

Attachments:

A copy of the panel's opinion and judgment only.

Certificate of service.

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No other attachments are permitted without first obtaining leave from the Court.

Unless the petition specifies that the petition seeks only panel rehearing, the petition will be construed as requesting both panel and en banc rehearing. A party seeking both forms of rehearing must file the petitions as a single document. Fed. R. App. P. 40(a).

Please consult the Rules of the Supreme Court of the United States regarding the timing and requirements for filing a petition for writ of certiorari.

Very truly yours,  
Patricia S. Dodszeit, Clerk

By: s/Timothy, Case Manager  
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FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

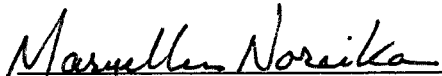
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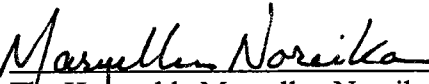
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SUR PETITION FOR REHEARING

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Present: CHAGARES, Chief Judge, HARDIMAN, SHWARTZ, KRAUSE, RESTREPO,  
BIBAS, PORTER, MATEY, PHIPPS, FREEMAN, MONTGOMERY-REEVES,  
CHUNG, and <sup>1</sup>SCIRICA Circuit Judges

The petition for rehearing filed by Appellant Vernon Montgomery in the above-entitled case having been submitted to the judges who participated in the decision of this Court and to all the other available circuit judges of the circuit in regular active service, and no judge who concurred in the decision having asked for rehearing, and a majority of the judges of the circuit in regular service not having voted for rehearing, the petition for rehearing by the panel and the Court en banc, is denied.

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<sup>1</sup> Judge Scirica's vote is limited to panel rehearing only.

BY THE COURT,

s/ Cheryl Ann Krause  
Circuit Judge

Dated: July 11, 2025  
Tmm/cc: Vernon Montgomery  
Andrew J. Vella, Esq.



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