

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

No. 96-21120
Conference Calendar

MICHAEL JON STEELE,

Plaintiff-Appellant,

versus

PATRICK JOHNSON, Sgt., ET AL.,

Defendants,

ALVIN WILSON; JOHN HUERMANN;
LEIGH A. BROOKS; KEITH PRICE;
WILLIAM BOOTHE, Captain; NEVA
YARBROUGH, Assistant Warden;
CHARLES GOODWIN, Assistant Warden;
MONROE HOGGART, Major; WESLEY
WARNER, SR., Warden,

Defendants-Appellees.

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Southern District of Texas
USDC No. H-93-CV-575

February 10, 1998

Before SMITH, EMILIO M. GARZA, and DeMOSS, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM:*

Michael Jon Steele, Texas prisoner # 573335, moves this court for a copy of the trial transcript at government expense, for unauthorized discovery (the production of documents by the

* Pursuant to 5TH CIR. R. 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5TH CIR. R. 47.5.4.

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appellees) on appeal, *in forma pauperis* status, the appointment of counsel, to dismiss opposing counsel, and for a writ of mandamus. None of these motions has merit; they are DENIED.

We DISMISS the appeal on Steele's appellate filings without further briefing. The appeal is without arguable merit and thus frivolous. See 5TH CIR. R. 42.2; *Clark v. Williams*, 693 F.2d 381, 382 (5th Cir. 1982) (the court may dispose of the appeal on the merits on a motion for IFP).

MOTIONS DENIED; APPEAL DISMISSED.