

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

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No. 02-60484  
Summary Calendar

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JAMES W. DEATON,

Plaintiff - Appellant,

versus

ANN M. VENEMAN, SECRETARY,  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AGENCY,

Defendant - Appellee.

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Appeal from the United States District Court  
for the Northern District of Mississippi  
Lower Docket No. 1:01-CV-53-B-A

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January 6, 2003

Before JONES, STEWART, and DENNIS, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM:\*

The pro se appellant challenges the district court's grant of summary judgment to the Agriculture Department in his suit

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 R. 47.5, the Court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5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

brought for termination of employment. Deaton argues that he is entitled to default judgment, that the district court judge should have recused himself, and that the district court erred in granting the defendant's motion for summary judgment. Because the appellant does not cite any legal authority or comprehensible legal arguments in support of his position, and his brief does not even grapple with the issues of *res judicata* and collateral estoppel on which the court based its decision, this court considers the challenges abandoned for being inadequately briefed. L&A Contracting Co. v. S. Concrete Servs., Inc., 17 F.3d 106, 113 (5<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1994); F.R.A.P. 28(a)(9)(A).

The judgment of the district court is **AFFIRMED**.