

United States Court of Appeals  
for the Fifth Circuit

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No. 23-10957

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Fifth Circuit

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

*Plaintiff—Appellee,*

*versus*

MICHAEL WEBB,

*Defendant—Appellant.*

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Appeal from the United States District Court  
for the Northern District of Texas  
USDC Nos. 4:23-CV-934, 4:19-CR-196-1

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Before HAYNES, WILLETT, and DUNCAN, *Circuit Judges.*

PER CURIAM:\*

A jury convicted Michael Webb, federal prisoner #58831-177, of kidnapping, and he is serving a life sentence. In August 2021, we affirmed Webb’s conviction. In June 2023, Webb filed two documents entitled “Motion for Evidentiary Rule/Corpus Delicti,” challenging the validity of his kidnapping conviction based on the voluntariness of his confession and on his assertion that the Government failed to present evidence

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corroborating his confession. The district court dismissed those motions, and Webb has now filed a motion for a certificate of appealability (COA) to appeal that dismissal.

Because Webb is not seeking to appeal the final order in a 28 U.S.C. § 2255 proceeding, his motion for a COA is DENIED as unnecessary. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(1)(B). Furthermore, Webb's motions were "meaningless, unauthorized motion[s]" with no statutory or legal basis. *United States v. Early*, 27 F.3d 140, 142 (5th Cir. 1994). Accordingly, the district court's orders dismissing Webb's motions are AFFIRMED on that basis. *See id.* We decline to consider Webb's challenges to the validity of his conviction that were not presented in the motions that he has sought to appeal. *See United States v. Scruggs*, 691 F.3d 660, 666 (5th Cir. 2012). Webb's motion for an evidentiary hearing is DENIED.