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for the Fifth Circuit

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No. 20-60941
Summary Calendar

AMILCAR C. BUTLER,

Plaintiff—Appellant,

versus

WARDEN C. RIVERS,

Defendant—Appellee.

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Southern District of Mississippi
USDC No. 3:18-CV-452

Before DAVIS, JONES, and ELROD, *Circuit Judges.*

PER CURIAM:*

Former federal inmate Amilcar C. Butler appeals the dismissal of his mandamus petition. Proceeding pro se, he asserts that the district court failed to consider his equal protection claim. That contention is plainly refuted by the record, however, and Butler does not address the court's

* Pursuant to 5TH CIRCUIT RULE 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5TH CIRCUIT RULE 47.5.4.

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reasons for rejecting the claim. Although we liberally construe the briefs of pro se appellants, we require that arguments be briefed to be preserved. *Yohey v. Collins*, 985 F.2d 222, 225 (5th Cir. 1993); *see also* FED. R. APP. P. 28(a)(8) (requiring briefing). By failing to identify any error in the district court's legal analysis or its application to his case, Butler effectively abandons any challenge to the court's decision. *See Brinkmann v. Dallas Cnty. Deputy Sheriff Abner*, 813 F.2d 744, 748 (5th Cir. 1987). To the extent he attempts to incorporate by reference any additional arguments from his pleadings in the district court, we do not consider them. *See E.R. by E.R. v. Spring Branch Indep. Sch. Dist.*, 909 F.3d 754, 763 (5th Cir. 2018).

AFFIRMED.