

**UNPUBLISHED**

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

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**No. 23-6815**

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff - Appellee,

v.

JUSTIN O'NEAL BARNES,

Defendant - Appellant.

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Appeal from the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina, at  
Greenville. James C. Dever III, District Judge. (4:17-cr-00060-D-1; 4:22-cv-00110-D)

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Submitted: December 19, 2023

Decided: December 27, 2023

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Before HARRIS, QUATTLEBAUM, and BENJAMIN, Circuit Judges.

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Dismissed by unpublished per curiam opinion.

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Justin O'Neal Barnes, Appellant Pro Se.

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Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.

PER CURIAM:

Justin Barnes seeks to appeal the district court's order denying relief on his 28 U.S.C. § 2255 motion. We dismiss the appeal for lack of jurisdiction because the notice of appeal was not timely filed.

When the United States or its officer or agency is a party in a civil case, the notice of appeal must be filed no more than 60 days after the entry of the district court's final judgment or order, Fed. R. App. P. 4(a)(1)(B), unless the district court extends the appeal period under Fed. R. App. P. 4(a)(5) or reopens the appeal period under Fed. R. App. P. 4(a)(6). “[T]he timely filing of a notice of appeal in a civil case is a jurisdictional requirement.” *Bowles v. Russell*, 551 U.S. 205, 214 (2007).

The district court entered its order on April 21, 2023. Barnes filed the notice of appeal on July 5, 2023.\* Because Barnes failed to file a timely notice of appeal or to obtain an extension or reopening of the appeal period, we dismiss the appeal.

We dispense with oral argument because the facts and legal contentions are adequately presented in the materials before this court and argument would not aid the decisional process.

*DISMISSED*

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\* For the purpose of this appeal, we assume that the date appearing on the envelope is the earliest date Barnes could have delivered the notice to prison officials for mailing to the court. Fed. R. App. P. 4(c)(1); *Houston v. Lack*, 487 U.S. 266, 276 (1988).