

**UNPUBLISHED**

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

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**No. 08-8254**

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff - Appellee,

v.

CEPHUS PIERCE,

Defendant - Appellant.

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Appeal from the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina, at Florence. C. Weston Houck, Senior District Judge. (4:03-cr-00474-CWH-24)

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Submitted: February 19, 2009

Decided: February 26, 2009

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Before WILKINSON, DUNCAN, and AGEE, Circuit Judges.

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Remanded by unpublished per curiam opinion.

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Cephus Pierce, Appellant Pro Se. Alfred William Walker Bethea, Jr., Assistant United States Attorney, Florence, South Carolina, for Appellee.

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Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.

PER CURIAM:

Cephus Pierce seeks to appeal the district court's order denying his motion for reduction of sentence under 18 U.S.C. § 3582 (2006). In criminal cases, the defendant must file the notice of appeal within ten days after the entry of judgment. Fed. R. App. P. 4(b)(1)(A); see United States v. Alvarez, 210 F.3d 309, 310 (5th Cir. 2000) (holding that § 3582 proceeding is criminal in nature and ten-day appeal period applies). With or without a motion, upon a showing of excusable neglect or good cause, the district court may grant an extension of up to thirty days to file a notice of appeal. Fed. R. App. P. 4(b)(4); United States v. Reyes, 759 F.2d 351, 353 (4th Cir. 1985).

The district court entered its order denying the motion for reduction of sentence on September 23, 2008. Pierce filed the notice of appeal on October 15, 2008, after the ten-day period expired but within the thirty-day excusable neglect period. Because the notice of appeal was filed within the excusable neglect period, we remand the case to the district court for the court to determine whether Pierce has shown excusable neglect or good cause warranting an extension of the

ten-day appeal period. The record, as supplemented, will then be returned to this court for further consideration.

REMANDED