

**UNPUBLISHED**

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

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**No. 10-7567**

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THOMAS F. ALSTON,

Plaintiff - Appellant,

v.

JOHN DOE; BOBBY SHEARIN, Warden; K. HILL-PEAY, Doc. Hq.  
Arp/IGP Coordinator; J. MICHAEL STOUFFER, Commissioner,

Defendants - Appellees.

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Appeal from the United States District Court for the District of  
Maryland, at Baltimore. Richard D. Bennett, District Judge.  
(1:10-cv-02273-RDB).

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Submitted: January 18, 2011

Decided: January 28, 2011

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Before NIEMEYER, DUNCAN, and AGEE, Circuit Judges.

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Dismissed by unpublished per curiam opinion.

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Thomas F. Alston, Appellant Pro Se.

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Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.

PER CURIAM:

Thomas Alston seeks to appeal the district court's order dismissing his 42 U.S.C. § 1983 (2006) complaint for failure to state a claim. We dismiss the appeal for lack of jurisdiction because the notice of appeal was not timely filed.

Parties are accorded thirty days after the entry of the district court's final judgment or order to note an appeal, Fed. R. App. P. 4(a)(1)(A), 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's order was entered on the docket on August 24, 2010. The notice of appeal was filed on October 10, 2010.\* Because Alston 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

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

in the materials before the court and argument would not aid the decisional process.

DISMISSED