

**UNPUBLISHED**

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

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**No. 11-6202**

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MELVIN CORNNELL DODSON,

Petitioner – Appellant,

v.

WARDEN, DEERFIELD CORRECTIONAL CENTER,

Respondent – Appellee.

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Appeal from the United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia, at Roanoke. Jackson L. Kiser, Senior District Judge. (7:10-cv-00019-jlk-mfu)

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Submitted: May 26, 2011

Decided: June 1, 2011

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Before KING, SHEDD, and DIAZ, Circuit Judges.

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Dismissed by unpublished per curiam opinion.

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Melvin Cornnell Dodson, Appellant Pro Se. Kathleen Beatty Martin, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Richmond, Virginia, for Appellee.

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Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.

PER CURIAM:

Melvin Cornnell Dodson seeks to appeal the district court's order denying as untimely his 28 U.S.C. § 2254 (2006) petition. 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 December 13, 2010. The notice of appeal was filed on January 24, 2011. Because Dodson 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 the court and argument would not aid the decisional process.

DISMISSED