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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

No. 14-6644

THOMAS ALLEN STORMER,

Plaintiff - Appellant,

v.

VA BEACH CORRECTIONAL CENTER MEDICAL DEPT; ABDUL JAMALUDEEN, Doctor, Virginia Beach Correctional Center; CATHERINE CARTWRIGHT, LLS/LLS, Virginia Beach Correctional Center,

Defendants - Appellees.

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, at Richmond. John A. Gibney, Jr., District Judge. (3:12-cv-00119-JAG)

Submitted: October 21, 2014

Decided: October 23, 2014

Before SHEDD, DUNCAN, and FLOYD, Circuit Judges.

Dismissed by unpublished per curiam opinion.

Thomas Allen Stormer, Appellant Pro Se.

Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.

PER CURIAM:

Thomas Allen Stormer seeks to appeal the district court's order dismissing his 42 U.S.C. § 1983 (2012) complaint. 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." <u>Bowles v. Russell</u>, 551 U.S. 205, 214 (2007).

The district court's order was entered on the docket on March 7, 2014. The notice of appeal was filed on April 21, 2014.^{*} Because Stormer 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

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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); <u>Houston v. Lack</u>, 487 U.S. 266 (1988).

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

DISMISSED