

**UNPUBLISHED**

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

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**No. 15-6383**

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ROBERT C. SHROUT,

Petitioner - Appellant,

v.

EVELYN SEIFERT, Warden,

Respondent - Appellee.

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Appeal from the United States District Court for the Northern  
District of West Virginia, at Elkins. John Preston Bailey,  
District Judge. (2:13-cv-00022-JPB-JSK)

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Submitted: May 19, 2015

Decided: May 22, 2015

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Before NIEMEYER and HARRIS, Circuit Judges, and DAVIS, Senior  
Circuit Judge.

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Dismissed by unpublished per curiam opinion.

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Robert C. Shrout, Appellant Pro Se. Scott E. Johnson, OFFICE OF  
THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, Charleston, West Virginia, for Appellee.

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Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.

PER CURIAM:

Robert C. Shrout seeks to appeal the district court's order accepting the recommendation of the magistrate judge and denying relief on his 28 U.S.C. § 2254 (2012) 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 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 judgment was entered on the docket on August 7, 2014. The notice of appeal was filed on March 9, 2015. See Fed. R. App. P. 4(c)(1). Because Shrout 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