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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

No. 15-6611

ROBERT A. LAROCHE,

Petitioner - Appellant,

v.

DAVID DUNLAP, MCI Warden,

Respondent - Appellee,

and

SOUTH CAROLINA, THE STATE OF,

Respondent.

Appeal from the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina, at Florence. J. Michelle Childs, District Judge. (4:14-cv-00222-JMC)

Submitted: June 18, 2015 Decided: June 23, 2015

Before SHEDD, DUNCAN, and AGEE, Circuit Judges.

Dismissed by unpublished per curiam opinion.

Robert A. LaRoche, Appellant Pro Se. Donald John Zelenka, Senior Assistant Attorney General, James Anthony Mabry, Assistant Attorney General, Columbia, South Carolina, for Appellee.

Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.

PER CURIAM:

Robert A. LaRoche 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 30 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</u> v. Russell, 551 U.S. 205, 214 (2007).

The district court's order was entered on the docket on March 23, 2015. The notice of appeal was filed on April 23, 2015, one day late. Because LaRoche 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