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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

No. 15-7100

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff - Appellee,

v.

GEORGE CLEVELAND, III,

Defendant - Appellant.

Appeal from the United States District Court for the District of Senior South Carolina, at Anderson. G. Ross Anderson, Jr., District Judge. (8:99-cr-01012-GRA-1; 8:14-cv-04727-GRA)

Submitted: December 15, 2015 Decided: December 17, 2015

Before GREGORY and FLOYD, Circuit Judges, and DAVIS, Senior Circuit Judge.

Dismissed by unpublished per curiam opinion.

George Cleveland, III, Appellant Pro Se. William Corley Lucius, Assistant United States Attorney, Greenville, South Carolina, for Appellee.

Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.

PER CURIAM:

George Cleveland, III, seeks to appeal the district court's order denying relief on his 28 U.S.C. § 2255 (2012) motion. We dismiss the appeal for lack of jurisdiction because the notice of appeal was not timely filed.

When the United States or its officer or agency is a party, the notice of appeal must be filed no more than 60 days after the entry of the district court's final judgment or order, Fed. R. App. P. 4(a)(1)(B), 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 10, 2015. The notice of appeal was filed, at the earliest, on May 16, 2015. Because Cleveland 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

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