

**UNPUBLISHED**

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

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**No. 18-6129**

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff - Appellee,

v.

THERESA MUBANG,

Defendant - Appellant.

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Appeal from the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, at Alexandria. Leonie M. Brinkema, District Judge. (1:01-cr-00252-LMB-1)

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Submitted: April 19, 2018

Decided: April 24, 2018

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Before GREGORY, Chief Judge, and THACKER and HARRIS, Circuit Judges.

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Dismissed by unpublished per curiam opinion.

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Theresa Mubang, Appellant Pro Se. Leonard Oliver Evans, III, OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY, Alexandria, Virginia, for Appellee.

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Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.

PER CURIAM:

Theresa Mubang seeks to appeal her judgment of conviction. In criminal cases, the defendant must file the notice of appeal within 14 days after the entry of judgment. Fed. R. App. P. 4(b)(1)(A). With or without a motion, upon a showing of excusable neglect or good cause, the district court may grant an extension of up to 30 days to file a notice of appeal. Fed. R. App. P. 4(b)(4); *United States v. Reyes*, 759 F.2d 351, 353 (4th Cir. 1985).

The district court entered judgment on October 5, 2001. Mubang filed the notice of appeal on January 29, 2018, nearly 17 years after entry of judgment. In the notice, Mubang sought an order vacating that portion of the criminal judgment ordering restitution. Because Mubang has previously sought an order vacating the restitution order, we conclude that this is one of those circumstances when this court may invoke its sua sponte authority to dismiss the appeal as untimely. *See United States v. Oliver*, 878 F.3d 120, 128-30 (4th Cir. 2017) (stating that court may invoke sua sponte authority to dismiss an untimely direct criminal appeal after defendant has pursued collateral relief of the same judgment).

Because Mubang 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*