

**IN THE COURT OF APPEALS  
ELEVENTH APPELLATE DISTRICT  
PORTAGE COUNTY, OHIO**

STATE OF OHIO,	:	<b>MEMORANDUM OPINION</b>
Plaintiff-Appellee,	:	
- vs -	:	<b>CASE NO. 2015-P-0067</b>
RODNEY JEWS,	:	
Defendant-Appellant.	:	

Criminal Appeal from the Court of Common Pleas, Case No. 2011 CR 0133.

Judgment: Appeal dismissed.

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*Rodney Jews*, pro se, PID: A604-369, Lake Erie Correctional Institution, P.O. Box 8000, 501 Thompson Road, Conneaut, OH 44030 (Defendant-Appellant).

DIANE V. GRENDELL, J.

{¶1} On September 11, 2015, appellant, Rodney Jews, filed a pro se motion for a delayed appeal, pursuant to App.R. 5(A), along with his notice of appeal. Appellant is attempting to appeal his original judgment of conviction and sentence issued by the Portage County Court of Common Pleas on August 24, 2011. An appeal of that judgment was due by September 23, 2011, almost four years ago.

{¶2} No brief or response opposing the motion for leave to file a delayed appeal has been filed.

{¶3} App.R. 4(A)(1) states:

{¶4} “\* \* \* [A] party who wishes to appeal from an order that is final upon its entry shall file the notice of appeal required by App.R. 3 within 30 days of that entry.”

{¶5} App.R. 5(A) provides, in relevant part:

{¶6} “(1) After the expiration of the thirty day period provided by App.R. 4(A) for the filing of a notice of appeal as of right, an appeal may be taken by a defendant with leave of the court to which the appeal is taken in the following classes of cases:

{¶7} “(a) Criminal proceedings;

{¶8} “(b) Delinquency proceedings; and

{¶9} “(c) Serious youthful offender proceedings.

{¶10} “(2) A motion for leave to appeal shall be filed with the court of appeals and shall set forth the reasons for the failure of the appellant to perfect an appeal as of right. Concurrently with the filing of the motion, the movant shall file with the clerk of the trial court a notice of appeal in the form prescribed by App.R. 3 and shall file a copy of the notice of the appeal in the court of appeals.”

{¶11} As his reason for failing to file a timely appeal, appellant asserts that the trial court failed to advise him of his right to appeal and his right to appointment of counsel when they were required to do so. Even if his statement was true, the reason does not justify a delay of nearly four years between the time of appellant’s conviction and sentence until the filing of his motion for delayed appeal. We find that appellant was not diligent in taking the proper steps to protect his own rights.

{¶12} Accordingly, it is ordered that appellant’s motion for leave to file a delayed appeal is hereby overruled.

{¶13} Appeal dismissed.

TIMOTHY P. CANNON, P.J.,

THOMAS R. WRIGHT, J.,

concur.