

UNPUBLISHED

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

No. 97-2046

NATHANIEL GREEN,

Plaintiff - Appellant,

versus

LINQ INDUSTRIAL FABRICS, INCORPORATED; JORGE
M. IGNARRA; MOSES SAMPSON; RALEIGH CREEL;
TERRY HUGHES; SHARON POAPS; ROM REDDY; GEORGE
MILLNER; SAM PARKER, JR.,

Defendants - Appellees.

Appeal from the United States District Court for the District of
South Carolina, at Charleston. Patrick Michael Duffy, District
Judge. (CA-96-2493-2-23-AJ)

Submitted: February 26, 1998

Decided: March 16, 1998

Before WILKINS, NIEMEYER, and HAMILTON, Circuit Judges.

Dismissed by unpublished per curiam opinion.

Nathaniel Green, Appellant Pro Se. Michael Dennis Carrouth, James
Henry Fowles, III, ELLZEY & BROOKS, L.L.C., Columbia, South Caro-
lina, for Appellees.

Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.
See Local Rule 36(c).

PER CURIAM:

Appellant filed an untimely notice of appeal. We dismiss for lack of jurisdiction. The time periods for filing notices of appeal are governed by Fed. R. App. P. 4. These periods are "mandatory and jurisdictional." Browder v. Director, Dep't of Corrections, 434 U.S. 257, 264 (1978) (quoting United States v. Robinson, 361 U.S. 220, 229 (1960)). Parties to civil actions have thirty days within which to file in the district court notices of appeal from judgments or final orders. Fed. R. App. P. 4(a)(1). The only exceptions to the appeal period are when the district court extends the time to appeal under Fed. R. App. P. 4(a)(5) or reopens the appeal period under Fed. R. App. P. 4(a)(6).

The district court entered its order on April 29, 1997; Appellant's notice of appeal was filed on August 4, 1997, which is beyond the thirty-day appeal period. Appellant's failure to note a timely appeal or obtain an extension of the appeal period leaves this court without jurisdiction to consider the merits of Appellant's appeal. We therefore dismiss the appeal. We dispense with oral argument because the facts and legal contentions are adequately presented in the materials before the court and argument would not aid the decisional process.

DISMISSED